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# Dear Reader

Brandeis is currently experiencing a Renaissance of sorts. Not since its earliest years have we undertaken so much new construction with the potential for such fundamental transformation of the University.

Every decade since Brandeis's founding has seen significant, physical change to our campus, the continual creation and expansion of facilities that have steadily increased the quality of the University's academic, student, and residence life. Not surprisingly, the first two decades proved the most dramatic by far. The 1950s saw the construction of Ridgewood, Massell, and North Quadrangles; the administration center, comprising Gryzmish, Bernstein-Marcus, and Irving Enclave; the Wien Faculty Center; Goldfarb Library; Sherman Student Center; Kutz Hall; the Three Chapels; Friedman and Kalman Science Buildings; Shapiro Athletic Center; Pearlman Hall; and Slosberg Music Center.

During the 1960s, growth continued at a similarly frenzied pace, adding the Academic Quad, composed of the Golding, Olin-Sang, and Shiffman Centers; East Quad, including Swig Student Center, Heller School; Rabb Graduate Center; Gerstenzang Science Quad; Brown, Schwartz, and Lemberg Halls; Lindsey Sports Center; Rose Art Museum; Spingold Theater; Goldman-Schwartz Art Studios; and Rosenthal Residence Halls.

Slowing slightly, construction in the 1970s included Usdan Student Center; Rosenstiel Basic Medical Sciences Research Center; Lown School, which completed the Academic Quad; Mailman House; Sachar International Center; Feldberg Communications Center; and Pollack Fine Arts Center.

The 1980s saw the construction of Ziv Quad, Hassenfeld Center, and Farber Library, and in the 1990s the Volen National Center for Complex Systems, Gosman Sports and Convocation Center, and Shapiro Admissions Center were added.

Now, in this first decade of the new century, with the addition of the Lois Foster Wing, we have significantly increased the size and influence of the Rose Art Museum. Adding to that is a new gift of Gerald S. and Sandra Fineberg that will allow important renovation of the Rose's upper gallery, further enhancing the Museum's renown.

We have just completed construction of the Carl and Ruth Shapiro Campus Center, a cutting-edge architectural achievement with great potential for enriching student life and enhancing the sense of community for the entire University. Articles in this issue, including a talk with the architect, will familiarize you with the new Campus Center.

Ground has recently been broken for two additional construction projects scheduled

for completion in fall 2003: a 220-bed residence hall just off South Street near the Slosberg Music Center and an addition to the Graduate School of International Economics and Finance that will be called the Lemberg Academic Center. The new Center will attach to the existing Sachar International Center.

Also planned is the Abraham Shapiro Academic Center, made possible by a generous gift from Trustee Robert Shapiro '52 and his wife, Valya, that will thoroughly renovate the American Jewish Historical Society building acquired by the University this summer, providing much needed office, seminar, and classroom space.

In addition to physical expansion, Brandeis is broadening its undergraduate and postgraduate curricula to include opportunities for learning that extend the ages of our students and the hours and modes of attendance. This issue includes an article about our Rabb School of Summer and Continuing Studies to further expand your knowledge of the University.

Even within our history of steady and constant progress, we are experiencing a growth spurt. This is an especially exciting time for Brandeis University.

Jehuda Reinharz, Ph.D. '72  
President

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### A Class Act

#### Brandeis Welcomes the Class of 2006

According to Director of Enrollment Deena Whitfield, the newest class of Brandeis undergraduates is "a very spirited class, interested in making connections right away." Whitfield says, "They've lived through the life-altering milestone of September 11, which I think will reinforce their commitment to what's important in life, to the values of social justice, the ideals on which this University was founded. This is the first class to see the physical manifestation of our increased commitment to campus life, in the form of the new campus center."

Academically, Whitfield says the Class of 2006 is even stronger than last year's by virtue of SAT scores and includes more athletes, singers, and international students. This is a diverse class, from 42 states and 33 countries, with more equilibrium between males and females.

—Steve Anable

The Class of 2006 includes:

A young Maryland woman who is a member of "Tappers with Attitude," a tap dance performance company that has performed in theaters, public arts festivals, and corporate events in the Washington, D.C. area, as well as on network and cable television. She is also a Sunday school teacher, track and field competitor, and photographer for her high school newspaper.

A young woman from Denver who is a traveler and explorer, studying art history in Oxford and Tuscany, learning Spanish and batik-making in Mexico, and exploring Hopi and Navajo culture in the American Southwest. Back home, she's cofounder and president of SAFE (Safe Alternatives to the Firearms Epidemic) Colorado, a post-Columbine gun-control initiative.

A young man from Staten Island, New York, who attended the 15th annual Black History Presentation in New York City and the Channel 13 Teen Leadership Conference focusing on hate in schools and communities. Trained in conflict resolution, he participated in a youth peace conference at the United Nations and has been active in the African Culture Club and varsity basketball.

A birdwatcher and poet from Bangalore, India, who began writing poetry when she was 8 and was first published at age of 10. She has now published more than 90 poems in leading newspapers in India, and has conducted a poetry workshop for elementary school children.

A future journalist and lawyer who was founder and editor in chief of *The Jungle*, a human rights journal whose first issues featured writing by the prominent anti-slavery activist Emma Reinhardt. This future politics major also helped train a seeing-eye dog, served as an altar boy at St. Patrick's Cathedral, and attended Macy's Clown College, graduating to perform in the famous Thanksgiving Day Parade.

A young Omaha woman whose passion is biology. She spent one summer attending the University of Pennsylvania Summer Science Academy and worked in a molecular biology lab, cloning a gene immune to a specific antibiotic.

A Newton, Massachusetts, chess player who competed in his first scholastic tournament when he was 6 and is now ranked among the top five players in his age group in the country. He has played in the U.S. Chess Open twice and won the Massachusetts High School Chess Championship. He is also a martial artist, who, at age 12, became the first person in the Northeast to be awarded a junior black belt by the International Uechi-Ryu Karate Federation.

### Déjà Vu All Over Again

#### Brandeis Scientists Target Key Molecules Involved in Memory

Five Brandeis scientists are using a new interdisciplinary approach to gain a more detailed look at synapses, the billions of

tiny junctions that allow brain cells or neurons to communicate. Supported by a five-year, \$1-million-dollar grant from the David and Lucile Packard Foundation, the team will analyze the behavior of key molecules that enable synapses to activate changes in neurons, which in turn shape memory.



Robert Sekuler and  
Michael Kahana



## Total Recall

### Brandeis Researchers Isolate How We Recall What We See

Long before there were words, there was memory. Our ability to see something and later remember it is a form of memory we rely on everyday. It allows us to recognize a person's face or a house we've passed. But until now, research has tended to overlook how we remember what we see.

Robert Sekuler and Michael Kahana, researchers at Brandeis University, are shedding new light on how visual memory works. Combining novel experiments and sophisticated computational

tools, the scientists have discovered that visual memory is remarkably fragile. Their findings appeared in the September issue of the international journal *Vision Research*.

"If you ask people to close their eyes and try to visualize the house in which they grew up, conjuring up this visual memory activates many of the same brain regions that would be activated by looking at the actual house," said Sekuler. "This shared neural geography means that vision and memory must have a close relationship."

Their approach to studying memory holds the promise of new insights into the cognitive changes that accompany age, and may ultimately lead to better understanding of the impact of age-related diseases, including

Alzheimer's disease. In addition, the researchers are using their new method in collaboration with a neurologist at the University of Iowa, to study brain injury and the electrical activity in brain regions that may weaken certain memory functions.

Sekuler, the Louis and Frances Salvage Professor of Psychology and Volen National Center for Complex Systems and an expert in vision, has been collaborating with

Kahana, an associate professor of psychology and Volen National Center for Complex Systems whose expertise centers on memory and learning. Building on their shared interests in cognitive neuroscience, they used their new results to construct a computer model of how their human subjects' visual memory worked. Samples of what their subjects saw are available at [www.brandeis.edu/~sekuler/memorydemo.html](http://www.brandeis.edu/~sekuler/memorydemo.html).

—Cristin Carr

The team, led by Professor of Chemistry Irving Epstein, consists of a physical chemist, a theoretical physicist, two neurobiologists, and a biophysicist, all of whom are from Brandeis's Volen Center for Complex

Systems. Collaborating across disciplines, the group has created a novel approach to understanding the activity of nerve cells in the brain.

Unlike conventional experimental techniques, their approach focuses on chemical and biochemical activity in systems containing just a few

molecules in remarkably small volumes. Their ultimate goal is to better understand the mechanisms of synaptic memory formation.

The investigators also seek to learn how signaling enzymes located in the

synapse interact to form a bistable switch that stores memory. The team of investigators includes Epstein; Anatol Zhabotinsky, adjunct professor of chemistry; John Lisman, professor of biology; Leslie Griffith, professor of biology; and Xiao-Jing Wang, professor of physics.

—Cristin Carr

## Excellence Recognized

### Morales Receives National Award from the NIH

If commitment and determination define the requirements of the National Institutes of Health (NIH) Undergraduate Scholarship, then Melissa Morales '03, winner of the 2002-03 national award, is a perfect fit.



Melissa Morales '03

Numerous achievements at Brandeis have marked her career with excellence, distinguishing her as one of the nine recipients, who were selected from a national pool of 160 applicants.

"There was an intense interviewing process for the award, in which I met with six scientists at the NIH's main headquarters in Bethesda, Maryland," said Morales. "It was just so amazing to be considered for the award and even more incredible to learn that I was a recipient of the scholarship."

The NIH Undergraduate Scholarship, geared towards individuals from disadvantaged backgrounds, is awarded to students who

are committed to careers in biomedical, behavioral, or social science research. Scholars receive up to \$20,000 a year to cover the cost of tuition and educational expenses. Recipients also participate in a 10-week internship, where they train under the guidance of an NIH principal investigator. After graduation, awardees continue working at the NIH as part of a one-year, paid, research training period.

Morales, a Los Angeles native who will be the first person from her family to graduate from college, has made the most of her time at Brandeis. During freshman year she received the Gates Millennium Scholarship, a grant funded from the Bill and Melinda Gates Foundation for minority students demonstrating strong leadership potential. She was also named a Brandeis

McNair Scholar. Morales also works on campus as a science tutor in the Student Support Services Program, and she has volunteered as a publicity coordinator for Family Weekend. She has spent every summer strengthening her career through educational programs, including UCLA's premedical enrichment program, Columbia University's Minority Medical Enrichment Program, and the Howard Hughes summer internship program.

Morales plans to apply the research skills gained in her internship towards a career in immunology or cardiology.

—Cristin Carr

## The Rose Grows

### The Rose Art Museum Receives \$2.5 Million for Renovation of Upper Gallery

Noted art collectors Gerald S. and Sandra Fineberg have donated \$2.5 million to The Rose Art Museum for renovations to the building's upper gallery.

"The Finebergs are wonderful members of our community, and this gift will significantly enhance The Rose's presence overall," said Brandeis President Jehuda Reinharz.

The renovations will expand the upper gallery and include a more open entrance for the public and possibly a bookstore and café. A search for an architect is underway.

The revitalized space will be named the Gerald S. and Sandra Fineberg Gallery.

Gerald and Sandra Fineberg, who were recently listed among the top 200 collectors in the world by *ARTnews* (Summer 2002), have donated many significant works to The Rose, including K.O.S.'s

*Scarlet Letter* series, *The Interior of the Heart* (1987-8), Joseph Kosuth's neon, *This is an Example*, and Barbara Bloom's *Narcissus*, among many others.

The Finebergs have been active members of the Rose community for a number of years. The couple first became Friends of the Rose in 1990. Gerald Fineberg joined the Rose



## Art Beat

### Changes at The Rose: New Curator, Preparator, Admission Fee

Raphaella Platow is the new curator at the Rose Art Museum. She brings extensive knowledge of national and international contemporary art to the Rose, gained from positions in Europe and the United States. Most recently, Platow held the position of international curator at the Contemporary Art Museum (CAM) in

Raleigh, North Carolina. Her curatorial leadership at CAM helped reestablish the museum as the region's "most risk-taking venue for contemporary art," according to one critic.

Platow has published and contributed to a number of catalog essays and is a contributing writer to *Sculpture* magazine and to *Artpapers*. She received her M.A. in art history, business administration, and German literature from Humboldt University in Berlin. She earned her B.A. at the Albert-Ludwig University, Freiburg, with a major in art history, and was a student at the University of Sorbonne, Paris. Platow is currently at work on her doctoral dissertation in the history of art at Humboldt University.

The Museum also has appointed Ben Thompson as preparator. Thompson earned his M.F.A. at the Massachusetts College of Art in 2000 and has been installing exhibitions for a variety of institutions in Greater Boston. He is also a new media sculptor.

In addition, The Rose has a new admission policy and hours. Admission will be \$3, but remain free for the Brandeis community, Rose members, arts professionals, and children under 12. The museum is now open from Tuesday through Sunday, from 12:00 to 5:00 pm.

—Donna Desrochers



Raphaella Platow



Ben Thompson

## Rate of Interest

### Brandeis Ranked 31st in Nation by *U.S. News & World Report*

The September 23, 2002, issue of *U.S. News & World Report* ("America's Best Colleges") rated Brandeis

number 31 among the top 50 schools in the nation. The University was ranked number 43 in the "Great Schools at Great Prices" category.

Board of Overseers in 1997 and became its chair in September 2000.

Fineberg is a New England native with deep roots in the Boston community. He is the founder and guiding force of The Fineberg Companies, a real estate company. He is also chair of Fine Hotels Company.



Frederick J. LaRiviere

## Postdoc Notes

### LaRiviere Awarded Prestigious Damon Runyon Fellowship

Frederick J. LaRiviere, postdoctoral fellow in biochemistry, is one of 17 outstanding scientists selected by the Damon Runyon Cancer Research Foundation to receive a prestigious postdoctoral fellowship.

The three-year fellowship is awarded in support of theoretical and experimental research projects that are relevant to the study of cancer and the search for cancer causes, mechanisms, therapies, and prevention. Each year, of the more than 450 young scientists who submit proposals, only about 50 are awarded postdoctoral fellowships.

Using the unfertilized eggs of the South African clawed frog, *Xenopus Laevis*, LaRiviere's research provides insights on the cellular mechanisms that may prevent cancer from developing.

His research is conducted under the sponsorship of Associate Professor of Biochemistry and Howard Hughes Medical Institute Associate Investigator Melissa J. Moore.

During the 56 years since its founding, the Damon Runyon Cancer Research Foundation has gained worldwide prominence in cancer research by identifying the nation's leading postdoctoral scientists and providing them with financial support for their research.

—Cristin Carr

## Tenure for Two

**Piali Sengupta**, associate professor of neurobiology and the Volcn National Center for Complex Systems, has established herself as a young star in the highly competitive, broad area of developmental neurogenetics. Her concern with how a coherently functioning nervous system forms out of the undifferentiated cells of the embryo focuses on

a relatively late stage of neural development and contributes to our understanding of olfaction. Her writing is known for its clarity and her research has received ample recognition from external sources: renewed NIH grant funding, as well as Searle, Sloan, Harcourt-General, Whitehall, and Packard awards, for which the best young investigators compete.

Associate Professor of Sociology **Stefan Timmermans** is already well recognized in the field of medical sociology. His published book, *Sudden*

*Death and the Myth of CPR* (Temple, 1999) was a finalist for the C.W. Mills award, one of the most prestigious awards in the field of sociology. His next book, coauthored with Marc Berg, *The Gold Standard: A Sociological Exploration of Evidence-Based Medicine and Standardization in Health Care*, has been accepted for publication by Temple University

Press. His current major project is a study of forensic pathology and the process by which medical examiners determine cause of death, particularly whether a death is a suicide. In addition, Timmermans is the author of over 30 other published chapters, articles, and reviews. He is known as a dedicated and excellent teacher. He has mentored a number of graduate students, served as supervisor of over a dozen senior honors theses, and served as mentor to Schiff and McNair Program students.



## Golden Anniversary

### From Bernstein to McFerrin: Brandeis celebrates 50 years of creative arts

It was in 1952 that then 4-year-old Brandeis University took the art world by storm with its first Festival of the Arts, an event that brought together some of the nation's luminaries, including Leonard Bernstein (who taught here and

was one of the organizers of the festival), Merce Cunningham, Irving Fine, and William Carlos Williams. During fall semester 2002, Brandeis honored that illustrious beginning and its continuing commitment to the arts with a special program of performances, readings, and film screenings that featured music innovator Bobby McFerrin, award-winning poet Li-Young Lee, visual artist James Turrell, and legendary electroacoustic artist Pauline Oliveros, among others.

The festival also included a performance by "From the Horse's Mouth" featuring 25 outstanding dancers and choreographers of all ages and traditions; a reading by noted poet Ha Jin, M.A. '89, Ph.D. '93; the opening of a new Rose Art Museum exhibition, *Fictions: New*

*Narratives in Contemporary Photography and Video*, and several other events sponsored by individual departments across campus.

Funding for the 50th Creative Arts Festival was provided by The Aaron Foundation, The Poses Institute of the Arts at Brandeis, and the Boston Marriott Newton hotel.

—Donna Desrochers

## Emergency Study

### Schneider Institute Receives Grant to Examine Emergency Department Overcrowding in California

The California HealthCare Foundation has awarded a \$300,000 grant to Brandeis, in partnership with the Blue Cross and Blue Shield Foundation on Health Care (BCBSFHC), Blue Shield of California Foundation, and Blue Cross of California, to study emergency department (ED) use and the impact on patient care and health care costs.

"Utilization of Hospital Emergency Departments by Insured Populations," will

be conducted by The Schneider Institute for Health Policy at The Heller School for Social Policy and Management. The new study will use health plan data to examine the demand side of the issue. A combined database from Blue Cross of California and Blue Shield of California will be used to examine utilization patterns from more than 8 million insured individuals in HMOs, PPOs, and in commercial, Medicaid, and Medicare programs. The study has been designed with safeguards to protect the confidentiality of the patient data.

A key objective of the study is to gain a better understanding of the reasons that ED use began to increase in the late 1990s, and what effects



this increase has had on quality, as well as the total cost of care. Through a new understanding of the root causes, new policies may be enacted to redirect excessive demand for ED services and related hospital admissions, increase timely accessibility to emergency services and improve continuity of care, while also reducing costs.

The study will examine increased cost due to substitution of ED care for office-based medical care, and will also explore ways to change financial incentives or benefit designs to encourage more clinically appropriate use of primary care services.

—Cristin Carr

## A Task of Biblical Scope

### **Can Religions Change? Professor Launches Project to Create More Humane Practices Affecting Women and Sexuality**

Her scholarship on women's roles and sexuality in biblical times has earned her worldwide respect and numerous awards, including a MacArthur Foundation "genius grant." And now Bernadette Brooten, the

Myra and Robert Kraft and Jacob Hiatt Professor of Christian Studies, is once again breaking new ground with an ambitious project that aims to reform the nation's three major religions with regard to their treatment of women.

With the support of the Ford Foundation, Brooten is assembling a team of leading scholars to delve deep into the sacred texts and written commentaries of each religion to reveal problematic policies on sexuality, gender, and the family. By conducting their own readings and analysis of

the great literatures, the researchers aim to foster a well-informed debate that can lead to a new, more humane sexual ethics for religions.

"While Christianity, Islam, and Judaism have made some progress toward gender equality, the idea that women should subordinate themselves to men remains central to these traditions. The question is: to what extent does this belief

impact our legal system, our institutions, and our social values? This project will create a model for debating such questions and for ultimately reforming and revitalizing our religious communities," says Brooten.

The Ford Foundation has provided additional financial support for the project, supplementing a planning grant it had earlier issued.

The next five years of the study will focus on slavery—the ways in which especially

## In Memoriam

### **"One of the Most Unusual and Creative Minds," Philanthropist Laszlo Tauber, Founder of Tauber Institute**

Dr. Laszlo Tauber, surgeon, real estate developer, and philanthropist, whose generosity founded Brandeis's Tauber Institute for the Study of European Jewry, died at his home in Potomac, Maryland, on July 28 of congestive heart failure. He was 87.

Tauber's relationship with the University grew from his close friendship with Founding President Abram Sachar, who helped him escape post-war Europe to hold a teaching fellowship in neurosurgery at George

Washington University. In addition to the Center, Tauber also endowed two chairs in biochemistry in honor of his parents at Brandeis.

"Laszlo Tauber was one of the most unusual and creative minds that I have known," said Brandeis President Jehuda Reinharz. "He was a great athlete, a brilliant physician, and a creative businessman."

"Our work at the Tauber Institute has for many years drawn inspiration from Dr. Tauber's fervent desire to increase knowledge and educate post-Holocaust generations about Jewish and world history," said Executive Director of the Tauber Institute Sylvia Fuks Fried. "He served as a model for many in his embrace of his new home in the United

States, for his tenacity as an immigrant and Holocaust survivor to affirm life, for his rejection of racial bias and discrimination, and for his generosity and philanthropy."

Born in Budapest on February 18, 1915, Laszlo Nandor Tauber grew up to become a surgeon in Hungary, graduating from the Royal Hungarian Peter Pazmany University School of Medicine in 1938. At the outset of the Nazi occupation of Hungary in 1944, Tauber was a resident in general surgery at the previously named Jewish Hospital, which was renamed the International Red Cross Hospital.

In the fall of 1944, as the Nazis began to persecute Hungarian Jews, Tauber performed surgeries on Jews wounded in the war at his former high school, which he had helped transform into a makeshift hospital. He rescued his patients in more ways than one, also forging papers that forestalled their deportation.

He escaped to the United States in 1947, and began his long tradition of giving.

Tauber's philanthropy included the creation of a \$15 million scholarship fund for descendants of U.S. World War II veterans; major gifts to several universities; and donations to the U.S. Holocaust Memorial Museum, which he helped found.



Christianity and Islam have sanctioned slavery—and on how slavery has affected attitudes towards sexuality. This type of analysis is woefully lacking, according to Brooten, and is a necessary first step toward constructing a new sexual ethics.

Brooten plans to collaborate with a diverse collection of participants in her study, including theologians;

scholars of religion; lawyers; specialists in Jewish, Muslim, canon, and other types of religious law, as well as policy makers and human rights workers. An advisory board has been established to help identify the most effective means for debating sexual ethics on the scale Brooten envisions; to establish future priorities; and to set the stage for moving the project into a national network. Two books are planned, one on early Christian women as slaves and as slaveholders, and a second on slavery's long-term effects on women's and girls' sexuality.

Brooten's scholarship provides fresh interpretations of the patterns of power, social structure, and morality in ancient communities. Her book, *Women Leaders in the Ancient Synagogue*, documents the ways in which women took leadership roles in Jewish communities. Her award-winning work, *Love Between Women: Early Christian Responses to Homoeroticism*, documents early Christian responses to love relationships between women. In addition to being a

MacArthur Fellow, Brooten has held fellowships from the Harvard Law School, the Fulbright Foundation, the National Endowment for the Humanities, and many other granting agencies.

—Donna Desrochers

## Economic Expansion

He also founded the Jefferson Memorial Hospital in Alexandria, Virginia, in 1965. He was medical director and chair of the department of surgery.

In 1995, Tauber was honored with the Red Cross's highest award, the Medal of Merit, for his efforts on behalf of his fellow Jews during the Holocaust.

Tauber leaves his wife, Diane; a son, Alfred, of Boston; a daughter, Ingrid, of San Francisco; a stepdaughter, Rachael, also of San Francisco; and four grandchildren.

### Lemberg Academic Center Construction Underway

Groundbreaking ceremonies were held on October 10 for the Lemberg Academic Center, which will provide new academic spaces for the Graduate School of International Economics and Finance (GSIEF) and the Department of Economics. The center, which will connect to the existing Sachar International Center, will create a new, international landmark on campus.

With the completion of the 24,000-square-foot center, the facilities occupied by GSIEF and economics will almost double in size, permitting the school and

the department to continue to increase enrollments, course offerings, faculty, and staff during the coming years.

Designed by CBT Architects, a Boston firm responsible for many of the city's architectural landmarks, the new building will reflect GSIEF's open and international character, and will also be well suited to its role at the center of the academic and social life of the school. The center will house classrooms with the latest in presentation and media equipment, spaces where students can work in teams, a wing for staff and faculty offices, and amenities such as a café.

The new center is made possible by a lead gift from John and Adam Usdan, honoring their grandfather



Samuel Lemberg, as well as generous support from Leonard Asper '86, GSIEF's Board of Overseers, and other friends of Brandeis University.

Proposed design of the Lemberg Academic Center

## Faculty Newcomers

### New Full-Time and Visiting Faculty 2001-03

#### Arts and Sciences

##### Creative Arts

###### Fine Arts

**Trevor Fairbrother** (Ph.D., Boston University), Visiting Professor and Henry Luce Visiting Scholar in Contemporary Art, Fall 2002.

**Jonathan Unglaub** (Ph.D., Columbia University), Assistant Professor of Fine Arts. Unglaub was on leave 2001-02 on a Getty Postdoctoral Fellowship in the History of Art and the Humanities, which supported his research on Poussin. He has received a Fulbright predoctoral grant as well as other awards. His two books in progress are *Poussin, Tasso, and the Poetics of Painting* and *Ancient Painting and Baroque Poetics: A Convergence in Poussin's Late Works*.

###### Music

**Joshua Gordon** (M.M., Juilliard School), Artist-in-Residence, Lydian String Quartet. A freelance cellist for over a decade, Gordon has performed solo, in duos and chamber groups, and in

several recordings. Gordon brings to the Lydian String Quartet an impressive range of repertoire.

**Michael McGrade** (Ph.D., The University of Chicago), Assistant Professor of Music. A musicologist who specializes in medieval music, McGrade has published several articles and received funding from the National Endowment for the Humanities.

##### Humanities

###### English

**Susan Lanser** (Ph.D., University of Wisconsin), Professor of English and American Literature and Chair of the Women's Studies Program. Lanser's current book project is *Sapphic Subjects and the Engendering of Enlightenment*. She recently coedited an edition of Helen Maria Williams's *Letters Written in France*, and is the author of two influential books, *The Narrative Act: Point of View in Prose Fiction* and *Fictions of Authority: Women Writers and Narrative Voice*. Her extensive scholarly activity is matched by her professional and administrative service and commitment to teaching, all of which are reflected in the awards and fellowships she has received from such organizations

as the American Council of Learned Societies, the Folger Library, and the National Endowment for the Humanities.

**John Plotz** (Ph.D., Harvard University), Assistant Professor in English and American Literature. Plotz is the author of *The Crowd: British Literature and Public Politics* and coeditor of *Pairing Empires: A Special Issue of the Journal of Colonialism and Colonial History*, as well as the author of numerous articles on Victorian literature. Currently a National Humanities Center Fellow, he has also received a National Endowment for the Humanities Summer Stipend and Dissertation Fellowship, as well as recognition of his success as a teacher.

**Ramie Targoff** (Ph.D., University of California, Berkeley), Assistant Professor of English and American Literature. The author of *Common Prayer: Models of Public Devotion in Early Modern England* (University of Chicago Press), Targoff has also published several articles on the poet George Herbert and on the performance

of prayer. She has taught courses on Shakespeare and the Renaissance Lyric as well as general courses on poetry.

##### Near Eastern and Judaic Studies

**Jonathan Decter** (A.B.D., Jewish Theological Seminary), Assistant Professor of Near Eastern and Judaic Studies on the Safra Chair. Decter will be the first person appointed to serve on a new chair in Sephardic studies. He has held many prestigious fellowships, including the Center for Arabic Studies Abroad Fellowship at the American University in Cairo, and a Fulbright Student Fellowship. At Brandeis, he will help develop courses in the programmatic area of Sephardic Studies.

**Moshe Ma'oz** (D. Phil. St. Antony's College, Oxford), Visiting Professor of Near Eastern and Judaic Studies.

**Ilan Troen** (Ph.D., University of Chicago), Visiting Professor on the Stoll Chair.

##### Philosophy

**Marion Smiley** (Ph.D., Princeton University), J. P. Morgan Chase Chair in Ethics. Smiley's interdisciplinary research focuses on ethics and



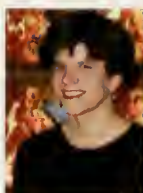
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politics. After publishing a book on moral responsibility, she turned her attention to how public policy is influenced by conceptions of paternalism, dependence, and autonomy, often to the detriment of the disadvantaged. Her forthcoming book, *Falling Through Trap Doors: The Philosophy and Politics of Group Identification*, will be published by Cornell University Press. She is being awarded the J.P. Morgan Chase Chair in Ethics at Brandeis because her scholarship shows significant public engagement with key contemporary issues, such as South African apartheid, the treatment of welfare mothers, and controversies concerning the environment.

**Jaqueline Taylor** (Ph.D., University of Chicago), Allen-Berenson Visiting Professor in Philosophy and Women's Studies.

## Science

### Biochemistry

**Ulrich Genick** (Ph.D., Scripps Research Institute), Assistant Professor of Biochemistry. Genick is in

the forefront of X-ray time-resolved crystallography, having contributed to the technical development and experimental design of an important area of structural biology.

### Chemistry

**Anne Gershenson** (Ph.D., University of Michigan), Assistant Professor of Biophysical Chemistry. Gershenson's research plans combine directed evolution with time-resolved optical methods for the study of protein folding and conformation.

**Oleg Ozerov** (Ph.D., University of Kentucky), Assistant Professor. Ozerov is an inorganic chemist with a research interest in the development of novel organometallic complexes containing an unsaturated yet highly reactive site. He intends to contribute to the improvement of general synthetic organometallic methodology. He has published six articles based on his research as a graduate student.

### Mathematics

**James Propp** (Ph.D., University of California at Berkeley), Visiting Associate Professor.

**Harry Tamvakis** (Ph.D., University of Chicago), Assistant Professor of

Mathematics. Tamvakis's focus is on complex, algebraic and arithmetic geometry, including a particular interest in Arakelov theory and intersection theory. He has held a National Science Foundation postdoctoral research fellowship.

### Physics

**Albion Lawrence** (Ph.D., University of Chicago), Assistant Professor. Lawrence is interested in high-energy particle physics, cosmology, quantum field theory and quantum gravity, especially from the standpoint of string theory. The winner of a National Science Foundation Graduate Fellowship and other awards, he has published numerous articles and held various distinguished visiting positions.

## Social Science

### African and African-American Studies

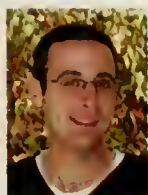
**Mbulelo Vizikhungo Mzamane** (Ph.D., University of Sheffield), Madeleine Haas Russell Professor, Fall 2002.

**Ibrahim Sundiata** (Ph.D., Northwestern University), Professor of History and

African and Afro-American Studies. After three years at Howard University, Sundiata will return to Brandeis, where he taught from 1990 to 1998. His extensive writing on West and Central Africa includes three books and dozens of articles. Sundiata's third book is *From Slavery to Neoslavery: the Blight of Biafra and Fernando Po in the Era of Abolition, 1827-1930*. Sundiata is a reader for numerous journals, university presses, and funding agencies as well as a frequent lecturer at colleges and universities. His awards include a Fulbright Professorship and status as a fellow at the W.E.B. DuBois Institute at Harvard University.

### Anthropology

**Elizabeth Ferry** (Ph.D., Johns Hopkins University), Assistant Professor. Ferry examines local responses to political and economic restructuring in Mexico in terms of classic and recent debates in economic anthropology, including the production of value through commodities and inalienable possessions. She is currently planning a future research project on birth control, Cesarean section, and tubal ligation rates in Guanajuato. She has taught Introduction



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## Faculty Newcomers Continued

to Cultural Anthropology and Peoples of Mexico and Central America, among other courses.

**Ellen Schattschneider** (Ph.D., University of Chicago), Assistant Professor. Schattschneider is concerned with the historical relationship between religious experience, economic transformation, and ritual process, with particular attention to the symbolic and cosmological dimensions of capitalism in Japan and East Asia. Duke University Press will publish her book on a Shinto-Buddhist popular shrine in northern Japan: *Immortal Wishes: Labor and Transcendence on a Japanese Sacred Mountain*. Schattschneider is prepared to teach general courses in the anthropology of religion and courses on such topics as shamanism and cultural memory in East Asia and the Pacific.

### Economics

**Can Erbil** (Ph.D., Boston College), Assistant Professor of Economics. Erbil's research interests include international trade, international economic policy, and general equilibrium modeling. He uses general equilibrium computational techniques to measure and compare the welfare consequences of different tariff and trade

regimes. Erbil has been teaching on an adjunct basis at Brandeis for the last two years, earning teaching evaluations and informal comments from students that rank him among the very best instructors at Brandeis.

**Nidhiya Menon** (A.M., Brown University), Assistant Professor of Economics. Menon's primary interests are empirical microeconomics, economic development, econometrics, economic demography, and labor.

**Paroma Sanyal** (Ph.D., University of California, Irvine), Assistant Professor of Economics. Sanyal is interested in emerging market structure in the U.S. electric utility industry, privatization and deregulation in developing countries, and trade and environment. Sanyal also holds an M.A. from the Delhi School of Economics.

**Rashmi Shankar** (Ph.D., University of California, Santa Cruz), Assistant Professor of Economics. Shankar's research interests are international finance, macroeconomics and econometrics. She is particularly interested in the role of financial institutions and currency crises in the growth of transitional and developing economies; she has worked on these issues in the context of India, Venezuela, and Hungary. Shankar holds a master's degree in economics from the Delhi School of Economics.

### Education

**Mary Gustafson**, (Ph.D., University of Minnesota), Assistant Director and Lecturer, Education Program. Gustafson has published articles drawing on her research into conceptual flexibility in reading comprehension and is interested in how creative curriculum affects the problem-solving skills of teachers and students.

**Jon Levisohn** (Ph.D. candidate, Stanford University), Assistant Research Professor of Jewish Education, Center for Studies in Jewish Education and Education Program. Levisohn's publications in *The Harvard Review of Philosophy*, *The Journal of Jewish Education* and *Philosophy of Education* reflect his interdisciplinary approach to the area in which he is receiving his Ph.D., Philosophy of Education. He approaches his discipline with a grounding in education research, philosophy, and Jewish Studies. The recipient of numerous awards and teaching and research assistantships at Stanford, he has also served as a research assistant at the Carnegie Foundation for the Advancement of Teaching and the Mandel Institute.

### Politics

**Eva Thorne** (Ph.D., Massachusetts Institute of Technology), Assistant Professor of Politics. Thorne

specializes in Latin American politics, international political economy, and Third World development and is working on a manuscript, *Protest and Accountability: The World Bank and the Politics of Safeguard Policy*. Her many awards include fellowships from the Institute for the Study of World Politics, the Social Science Research Council, the Inter-American Foundation, and the U.S. Department of Education.

**Bernard Yack** (Ph.D., University of Toronto), Lerman-Neubauer Chair. Yack is a student of political theory and the history of political thought, with a special interest in the relationship between community and democracy. He has published extensively in those areas, including books on European radicalism (*The Longing for Total Revolution*, 1986), community and conflict in Aristotelian political thought (*The Problems of the Political Animal*, 1993), and post-modernist critiques of liberal democracy (*The Fetishism of Modernities*, 1998). He is also the editor of a collection of essays on liberal democratic theory and is currently completing *Nation and Individual*, a book that focuses on the relationship between nationalism and our commitment to democratic principles of legitimacy.

### Psychology

**Derek Isaacowitz** (Ph.D., University of Pennsylvania), Assistant Professor of Psychology. Isaacowitz has been the recipient





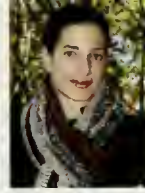
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of a National Science Foundation Graduate Research Fellowship. He has most recently been honored by his selection to present an invited address at the upcoming meeting of the Society for the Study of Human Development. His research interests include the prediction and measurement of positive and negative affect in old age, optimism and depression in older adults, and life-span development of Holocaust and other trauma survivors.

**Don Katz** (Ph.D., Indiana University), Assistant Professor of Psychology and Volen National Center for Complex Systems. Katz holds a dual Ph.D. in psychology and neuroscience. His research interest lies in the interactions between neurons, brain areas, the organism, and the environment. He has published extensively and secured an NIDCD grant. His teaching experience already covers numerous topics, including Statistics and Research Methodology, Learning and Memory, Perception/Action Systems, and Cerebellar Functions.

#### *Sociology*

**Laura Miller** (Ph.D., University of California, San Diego), Assistant Professor. Miller is the author of five refereed journal articles

and a forthcoming book from the University of Chicago Press, *Reluctant Capitalists: Bookselling and the Rationalization of Consumption*. She will teach courses in Sociology of Culture, Theories of Mass Communication, Suburban Life, Sociology of Consumption and, perhaps, Media Industries.

#### **Graduate School of International Economics and Finance**

**Laarni Bulan** (Ph.D., Columbia University), Assistant Professor of Finance. Bulan's research interests include corporate finance, firm investment, capital structure, real options, and risk and volatility modeling. She has received fellowships and scholarships from numerous sources, including Lehman Brothers and AT&T.

**Andrew Molinsky** (Ph.D., Harvard Business School), Assistant Professor. At Brandeis Molinsky will teach courses in psychology in addition to GSIEF. His focus on organizational behavior includes the study of cross-cultural code switching and of how managers cope with the ethical and painful dilemmas of "necessary evils."

**Carol Osler** (Ph.D., Princeton University), Associate Professor of Finance. Osler's research focuses on applying the techniques and insights from traditional finance

to the puzzles of exchange rate behavior, a field of study called current market microstructure. She has been a Ford Foundation Scholar and Faculty Research Fellow at the National Bureau of Economic Research.

#### **The Heller School for Social Policy and Management**

**Jody Gittel** (Ph.D., Massachusetts Institute of Technology), Assistant Professor in the Management Program at The Heller Graduate School for Social Policy and Management. Gittel has received funding from the Alfred P. Sloan Foundation as well as a National Research Council Fellowship for her research on strategic human resources and organization design, group process, and leadership. She is particularly interested in how coordination affects quality and efficiency performance in time-constrained service settings, such as healthcare and the airline industry.

**Elizabeth Goodman** (M.D., Columbia University College of Physicians and Surgeons), Professor of Child and Adolescent Health (outside the tenure-track). Goodman studies the impact of socioeconomic characteristics

and other social processes on adolescent health. She is a national expert in the prevention of HIV and has received numerous awards, grants, and fellowships for her pioneering work in this area. She recently was awarded a William T. Grant Faculty Scholar Award to support the research she will be conducting at the Schneider Institute for Health Policy at The Heller School. She is a Fellow of the American Academy of Pediatrics and the author of more than 30 original journal publications.

**Huong Nguyen** (Ph.D., Michigan State University), Assistant Professor. Nguyen conducts research on acculturation, ethnic identity, and adaptation following immigration among minority youth, with a particular emphasis on Vietnamese adolescents. She has developed an innovative conceptual model linking cultural fit, social competence and belongingness as links to the acculturation and adjustment of Vietnamese and Mexican adolescents. She has received numerous awards for her research, including from the Center for Disease Control, the American Psychological Association, and Michigan State University. She will teach courses at The Heller School on the adjustment of immigrant adolescents to the United States and policy initiatives to enhance that adjustment.



While the University increases its physical assets by adding such facilities as the Shapiro Campus Center, the Lois

Foster Wing of The Rose, the new residence hall near Ridgewood, and the Lemberg Academic Center, the Rabb School of Summer and Continuing Studies is stretching the

very concept of the University with programs that broaden the usual age of students, the times of classes, and the mode of operation.

# Expanding

by Marjorie Lyon

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**H**idden but vibrant—percolating in classrooms, libraries, art studios, lecture halls, computer and science labs—some 2,800 non-traditional students on the Brandeis campus are choreographed to use the resources of Brandeis in a symbiotic relationship with undergraduates. The Rabb School of Summer and Continuing Studies is a surprise to the traditional faculty, staff, and undergraduates who are here during the day, during the academic year. When they leave at five o'clock or when classes are over, they are unaware of the influx of students who come in

High school students come to campus to participate in Genesis, a precollege summer experience that fuels their curiosity and allows them to expand intellectually and emotionally among peers in a college campus setting. Adults come to continuing studies to give their careers a jump-start or to make a change. Summer school offers courses to Brandeis undergraduates and two special programs, Summer Music Festival (a fantastic opportunity to study with the world-renowned Lydian String Quartet) and the Hebrew Language Institute.

Continuing studies, by far the largest part of the Rabb School, has grown from a low-key outreach effort in the fall of 1997 for the University to extend the reach of academic offerings to a new audience and to generate additional income. It was launched with a master's degree in software engineering and an advanced certificate in software engineering, which serves as a stepping stone to the master's degree or as a stand-alone credential. Attractive to students from the beginning—with 90 enrollments for the first semester—the course responded to a



studies classes meet once a week for 10 weeks, with sessions beginning in September, January, and May.

"This is a time of change for the Rabb School, one that holds opportunities and challenges as we focus on a growth plan for continuing education and summer school," says Michael Whelan, associate provost for academic affairs. "During this time, there will be some organizational adjustments as we prepare for an increase in students, introduce new program areas, create new partnerships with corporations, and seek cross-training and efficiencies in supporting administrative activities."

Brandeis's core missions are to research and undergraduate education, but the vast growth in education is in adult learning, and in fact, adult learners are excellent. Motivated, focused, committed, carrying multiple priorities, they value time and use it wisely. An adult brings a body of knowledge to the classroom that is illuminating to peers and facilitates quick understanding of new concepts.

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from 6:00 to 9:00 pm, Monday through Thursday evening, 33 weeks out of the year. As soon as Commencement ends in May and suddenly the campus seems deserted, again there is a huge influx of Rabb students—Summer School, Genesis—who are here on campus pursuing study. The Rabb School embraces continuous lifelong learning, offering educational programs to students from adolescents to retirees who fit seamlessly into the bustle of the normal college environment.

Retirees attend Brandeis Adult Learning Institute (BALI), enjoying spirit-sustaining intellectual pursuits for the pure joy of learning and social participation.

The School of Summer and Continuing Studies is named in honor of Norman S. and Eleanor E. Rabb, in recognition of more than four decades of support for Brandeis. A founding Trustee of the University, Norman Rabb served on the Board of Trustees from 1948 until his death in June 1997 and as its chair from 1961 to 1967. Eleanor is a life member of the National Women's Committee, which has supported the Brandeis Libraries since 1948.

need in the marketplace, and set the tone for the development of other courses. Using a potent combination of instinct, vision, research, and timing, Amy Grossman, assistant provost and the Rabb School's driving force, scrutinizes the current marketplace (and imagines the future), identifying areas that are ripe for relevant courses. Her approach works: continuing studies now runs more than 30 courses each semester, three times a year. Enrollment has been as high as 1,900, and there are now more than 100 alumni. Continuing



Think of it this way: true to its social action roots, Brandeis furthers the ideals of democracy by giving adults economic opportunity. Many students are first-generation immigrants, and open enrollment is democratic. "That is not to say that the programs are easy," cautions Grossman. "But students are ready and willing to learn, and it gives them the opportunity. Maybe they'll make it, and maybe they won't—they self-select."

The adjunct faculty is a vibrant part of the academic life at the Rabb School. Instructors, who are professionals in their fields, are active participants in curriculum development. They understand the entire curriculum, they talk to each other about courses, they are plugged into the workplace and bring the most current technical advances into the classroom. They are generous with their time in advising students. "We don't focus on research, we focus on theory and practice," explains Grossman.

With a mandate to grow aggressively over the next five years, the Rabb School is of direct benefit to Brandeis—revenues go right back into the operation of the University. The five-year-old Software Engineering Program is solid, with a tested curriculum and graduates who earn promotions and land good jobs. Building on this strong base, the next program is a master's degree in bioinformatics, which is the intersection of software engineering and the life sciences. This course banks on the estimated 30 years needed to analyze all the data that has been generated by the Genome project, the nationally coordinated effort to identify all the approximate 30,000 genes in human DNA. Biologists, biochemists, chemists, and people in the life sciences have to figure out what to do with that data with the end goal of creating drug therapies. Software engineering is a perfect fit because there is so much data that needs to be collected, sorted, analyzed, and stored. "We have been able to build on our Software

Engineering Program, bringing in the life sciences dimension for a strong bioinformatics program constructed to appeal to working adults," explains Grossman, noting that there are other opportunities in the health care field around which she hopes to build a curriculum.

A Web content course was developed just that way. Consider this: almost every organization has a Website, but what care goes into the articulation and presentation of the message? In contrast to the care taken with a company publication, an advertising campaign, or a communication to stockholders and trustees, "information on Websites often falls short of the dynamic potential of the medium," says Grossman. "Organizations have a world audience that needs to be managed carefully." There it was—a void just waiting to be filled by an educational program. Graduates are qualified to have the role of Web editor, Web publisher, Web architect, or Web communications manager. A student with a background in marketing could be a Web marketing specialist, while another with an education background might design materials for online learning.

A synergy emerges: the bioinformatics field depends on information published on the Web, so that the Web designer's courses are relevant, and software engineering students could use their technical skills to absorb both fields. "These programs can overlap, building depth and breadth of curriculum that is particularly suitable for knowledge workers in a changing society," says Grossman with her signature enthusiasm. "For someone with a college education, there's hardly a field that doesn't require constant learning."

Distance Learning (DL) is offered and well received—students can take courses in software engineering and Web content over the Internet, or partly on the Internet and partly in class. Software creates an environment that mirrors a university. For example, there is an area called the "water cooler" or the student lounge, which is actually email, where people can communicate about social things. In an area for discussion—the discussion board—an instructor poses a question, students respond, and the software builds a tree, response to response, so an elaborate dialogue ensues. When student number 15 is about to respond, it's not acceptable to say, "I agree with Henry," or "Me too." He or she



has to say something of value. (Typically, students have a week in which to respond.) "It means the discussion keeps getting richer and deeper, and the bar keeps getting raised," explains Grossman, adding that this method is particularly good with adult learners because they're drawing on their varied and extensive experiences. Not only does everyone respond, but each student has built-in notes. How likely is it in a classroom that the 18th respondent will remember exactly what 17 previous students said?

Distance learning is not for everyone; some students prefer a classroom environment. "But distance learning has won over the skeptics who try it," says Grossman, citing her own experience as an example. One benefit is that a whole world of information is available online because of links. An instructor finds the best resources, and those come into the classroom.

A skeptical point of view laments that online learning is anonymous, but in fact, it builds community. Students introduce themselves (complete with optional photo), explain why they are taking the course, their goals and background. During

online discussions personalities come out very strongly. In fact, personality can affect the process of education—a student can learn at a time of the day when most ready, when he or she has the energy and the inclination. "Student-centered learning"—because there are links, discussions, and assignments—means that each person can access information following his or her own curiosity and train of thought, in a way that is not possible sitting in a situation that is linear, in a classroom.

Online learning is not a professor putting a syllabus on a Website. That's a syllabus on a Website. And it's also not bells and whistles and everything flashing graphics (although it could be). Grossman purposely created low-tech online courses to prove that the most important element is the people in the class. Some examples are Java Programming, C and C++ Programming, Database Management, Windows Programming, Project Management, and Software Development Methodologies. Peer learning succeeds with an excellent facilitator who provides valuable resources, assignments, and feedback while guiding and challenging students. "Some of our instructors were reluctant to try distance learning, thinking that it could not measure up to the teaching and learning

experience of the classroom. To a person, they were all won over by their experience and felt that their online course was equal or better at providing a stimulating learning environment for their students. Overall, the quality of student work was equal or better to the classroom courses," explains Grossman.

Continuing studies also brings classes to companies and corporations. EMC Corporation in Hopkinton has been offering a popular Brandeis Graduate Certificate in Software Engineering on site every semester since 1998, paid for by the company. Students can stay after work to take classes or come to Brandeis. "This will be a growth area for us as we offer new programs and reach out to a larger number of companies that can provide an educational benefit by offering Brandeis continuing studies courses on site," Grossman says.

Continuing studies offers graduate programs leading to: graduate certificates in software engineering, e-commerce technology, software engineering management, Web content, and the newly created bioinformatics;

a Master of Software Engineering (M.S.E.); and a new Master of Science (M.S.) in Bioinformatics. Students range in age from 20s to 60s, with the majority from 25 to 35. Eighty-six percent of students receive tuition reimbursement from their employers, raising Brandeis's awareness within the corporate community. K-12 teachers attend class on Saturday in an innovative graduate course on Ancient Greek studies that culminates in a trip to Greece.

The Rabb School brings a student population spanning generations to the Brandeis campus and nearly doubles the University's visibility among local residents and the business community. There were 2,800 Rabb School enrollments in 2000-01. Students expand intellectually and emotionally during adolescence (Summer School and Genesis), throughout their careers (Continuing Studies), and into retirement in their 60s, 70s, and 80s (Brandeis Adult Learning Institute, or BALI). Active older adults engage in peer-led liberal arts courses and attend the Lunch and Learn Lecture Series, which features prominent scholars and community leaders.

Brandeis, as you can see, is much larger than meets the eye, offering educational opportunities for a lifetime. ■

*Marjorie Lyon is a staff writer.*





# The Epicenter

October 3, 2002, and immediately transformed the entire campus

Fifty feet above the stage of the new 249-seat Shapiro Theater, peering down from the catwalk hung with fresnel lights and follow-spots, one clear thought howls through the mind of the acrophobe: "Whoa, that's a long way down!" If the acrophobe also happens to be an alumnus, his next thought will no doubt be: "Whoa, and it's an even longer way from Nathan Seifer."

One of the more remarkable features of the new Carl and Ruth Shapiro Campus Center is the new theater for student productions. Replacing the half-century-old Nathan Seifer Auditorium, with its tired, worn seats and woefully inadequate technical amenities, and which mercifully ceased to be when Ford Hall was razed to make room for this spacious Center, the

new student theater is a different century away, a different universe.

As a venue for performances, the theater allows for the production of full-scale dramas and musicals with its state-of-the-art lighting and rigging systems, a scenery shop, and a comfortable green room. An audio/visual capability that includes a projector compatible with a range of media, as well as a surround-sound system able to handle compact discs, mini-discs, and DAT, additionally make the theater a major presentation facility.

Jonathan T. Dunlea, Shapiro Theater coordinator in the Office of Student Activities, is naturally euphoric about his

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Photography by Mike Lovett





charge, but he gives credit to the talented and dedicated students of the Undergraduate Theater Collective, which will stage six to eight shows per year in the new space. "There is no doubt that the creative prowess of undergraduate theater at Brandeis has been proven in Nathan Seifer Auditorium and Levin Ballroom," he says, "and the Undergraduate Theater Collective has undoubtedly earned a new space. The Shapiro Theater affords undergraduate theater the opportunity to truly excel."


Yet, the theater, which occupies a sizeable share of the building, may be one of the last aspects you will notice about this monumental structure of bisque limestone and verdigrised copper set upon a sea of sweeping lawn. The soaring, three-story

atrium is surely the most striking feature as one crosses the threshold of any of the four entrances. Expansive and light-filled, this interior crossroads draws you into the bustling interior, with the ever-busy café and bookstore on the south side and the zigzag staircase rising to the north. Overhead, like the gangplanks of a great ship, two crosswalks span the gulf between the building's wings, one at the second level and the other, waaaaay up there, at the third.

Designed by the firm of Charles Rose Architects, the 64,000-square-foot gift of Carl and Ruth Shapiro also houses a two-story library with computer clusters and fireplace, and individual offices for student organizations, including the Student Senate, radio station WBRS, the television studio, *the Justice*, the Waltham Group, and the yearbook. In addition, there is a gallery space, numerous study and meeting rooms, and a large multipurpose room for lectures, films,

and luncheons. The only administrative offices in the Center are those of student affairs and campus life, making this a true center of student activity.

Jean Eddy, senior vice president for students and enrollment, sees the Center as the University's first real gathering place. "The insightful layout and flow of the rooms used for student activities are fabulous," she says. "The functional space is outstanding. There is now on campus a clear, unambiguous site where people are able to come together to meet, study, enjoy performances, share a cup of coffee, and relax in front of a cozy fire. I'm looking forward to seeing a genuine, positive change in the dynamics of student life at Brandeis as a direct result of the new



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Center's creation. And when warm weather arrives again next spring, I can imagine how popular a spot that south-facing patio will be."

Eddy is right. While there are still many satellite centers of student activity—Usdan Student Center, which still houses a major dining complex and the mailroom;

Swig Student Center, in which resides the Intercultural Center; Sherman Student Center with its dining facilities (including kosher) downstairs and the campus restaurant, The Stein, above; Gosman Sports and Convocation Center; Spingold Theater; and, of course, Cholmondeley's—the new Shapiro Campus Center is clearly the hub, dedicated to the activities of students and unequivocal in its role.

True to that role, the Center will be "student-directed

and administratively supported," according to its mission statement, guidelines drawn up this past summer by a transition team of students. Plans call for oversight of the Center through a town council-type management body composed of representatives from each of the student organizations in the

building, as well as from the general student population. "We intend the Campus Center to be a safe haven for community members," proclaims the mission statement, "to become the living room for our campus family." ■

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*Mike Lovett is campus photographer.*









# The Center Illuminated

It's new, it's green,  
it's big, and  
it sits in the middle  
of campus. The  
Shapiro Campus  
Center may  
elicit delight or  
bewilderment,  
but never  
indifference.

Perhaps it begs  
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talks with  
Brandeis Professor  
of Fine Arts  
Gerald S. Bernstein  
about the  
new Center.



**Gerald S. Bernstein:** We should probably start with the question that addresses the most salient aspect of the building and the one that draws the most immediate reaction—the choice of the copper and the patina. How do you respond to criticism about something like that?

**Charles Rose:** You know, the architecture is always going to have a sort of response to it. It's an art that's practiced in the public domain and you can produce something that's a more traditional building and you'll be criticized for that. You can produce something that is more innovative, more forward-thinking, and you'll get criticized for that.

I think that the copper that's on the building has not fully matured yet, which is sort of the first issue. I'm sure you know, Gerry, that this copper is "pre-patinaed," which means that we have obtained copper that has a patina on it. It's a chemical finish that, as it mixes with water over time, forms a newer, more final

finish, and, basically, it allows us, in a very short period of time—a year or so—to arrive at the color that copper ultimately arrives at in about 25 years, which is this green copper that is a material that you see at any university in the country.

We looked at a lot of different materials, including brick. We felt that the copper in juxtaposition with this very beautiful limestone was a really striking combination of materials. Someone asked me, "Could you see adding more stone to the building?" Well, frankly, there might be places where we could have done stone in lieu of copper. I think the north side is quite striking. *[Editor's note: The north side is the one seen from up the hill, as you descend toward the building from the Libraries.]*

I think it's a very unusual composition and I frankly think that it needs to grow on people. I think any building jars people, it's an intrusion into their home (the campus), and I'll tell you, I've become more and more enamored of the north side. I think it's very striking from a sculptural perspective. I think it's a good color in this landscape, too. You know, if you look outside, everything's green. We wanted

something that would complement the limestone but also would mesh with this landscape. I love the green on my building. I'm quite offended by the white top of Spingold.

**GSB:** With good reason.

**CR:** My proposal is that we should clad Spingold in copper.

**GSB:** Wow!

**CR:** I'm serious! Look at that building. I mean, if that were a beautiful copper orb, it would be gorgeous. I guess my comment is, there's probably not enough copper at Brandeis.

**GSB:** Well, relating to that, comment on the fact that the building has a clear front and back and how that relates to its siting.

**CR:** Meaning what? I'm not sure I follow that.

**GSB:** Well, meaning that when you approach it from the great lawn, you see it both in its materials of construction and decorative materials of the limestone. It seems to say something, at least to me, about Le Corbusier and ideas that generated out of that. But coming around to the other side

of the building, which quite frankly is the largest section reaching to the top of the hill, it's the use of the copper in totality that I want to talk about. It implies that what's on the front is one thing; on the back seems to be something else.

**CR:** Right, right. We worked a lot with these materials and the material choices, in some ways, were some of the most difficult choices we made, because while there were precedents on campus, some of those precedents weren't going to translate that successfully into such a large building. This is obviously one of the bigger buildings at Brandeis, and we were very, very concerned, among other things, about keeping a sense of scale between this big building and the Faculty Center, which is more diminutive, and the administrative buildings.

That led to some of our material decisions. For example, there is a way in which we articulate the smaller volumes on the front side of the building in material changes; so while the central volumetric piece is a limestone piece that is making a connection to the Rose and other buildings—sort of the more formal side of

the Brandeis campus, a more frontal formal side—we then broke that down as it made the transition to the east and the west. That sort of explains some of the fracturing of the volumes on the east and west, trying to bring them into relationship, almost a series of fragments or pieces relating to the adjacent buildings.

The north side is a bit different in its interpretation and, for starters, I should point out that very few of the rooms on the north side of the building have windows, so from the get-go, you have a kind of limitation of windows because of the auditorium spaces on that side. So we wanted to still get the sense of articulating volumes. We also had to work within budgets and obviously, to do the entire building out of limestone would have exceeded our budget. I also wouldn't have desired that because I think it would have been too monumental.

I happen to really like the back side because, you'll notice, we used two different scales of copper and we continued to break out some of the smaller

masses and articulate them within this larger scale of copper.

I should also say that both the south side and the north side of the building are really dedicated, in their shapes, to the making of two adjacent spaces. Our work is, obviously, connected to the landscape in a variety of ways, but one of the things we were very interested in doing at Brandeis was to create these two spaces—one to the south, one to the north. The space to the south is a new lawn, which takes the place of a parking area, and gives Brandeis this unprogrammed piece of collegiate landscape architecture. It is a great lawn where, occasionally, college functions could occur. But, primarily, it is a kind of ceremonial lawn and breathing space, which we need here. It also is a lawn that links the Campus Center, as one of the major buildings, to the Rose Art Museum, over to the Spingold Theater, and, of course, to the admissions office.

The north side will eventually look out on what I hope will be a revitalized Founders Garden. Right now, the Founders Garden has basically some sort of an orchard planting; I'm not even sure what the trees are,



but they're in decline and, eventually, that landscape will need to be improved, and what we have recommended to the University is to put in a landscape with more stature—a higher landscape. We feel that the fruit trees, or whatever they are that were planted there, are too small for the space, and we're proposing that we put in oaks and larger trees—maples, perhaps, maybe even something a little bit more unusual, that we would then limb up to the height of 12-15 feet and have a really large canopy there. So, it's important that you see that green backdrop

in relationship to the making of a space that's very different from the space that's there and will be exceedingly different from the south side. There will be a very bright side and then a more shaded and protected side to the north. So it is important to see the green copper in relationship to that.

**GSB:** The copper is certainly one of the risk-taking aspects of what has become a truly modern building. Can you comment on that—that it is a cutting-edge building, by definition?

**CR:** I've often felt that an architect needs to articulate a position. I think that's how it's





Architect Charles Rose  
and Professor  
Gerald S. Bernstein



supposed to work. But what happens in reality is that I just design buildings, and when we finish a building and then it gets awards, it gets written about, and soon I begin to think that the work I'm doing is somehow "cutting edge," although I'm not sure why that is, necessarily.

But when I come into this building, what do I notice about it? One of the things that I think we did very well here, and I actually think it's one of the strongest things in the building, is how the circulation works through the plan. I think

it's pretty extraordinary. I like standing in the atrium and realizing that I can see through the building to the south, I can see up to the west, I can see out to the north, and I can see out to the east. And I think one of the things that we're doing, which could be considered at the forefront, is constantly exploring new ways to connect architecture to the landscape. I think we did that very well in this building. I think you have this sort of circulation through the campus, which easily incorporates the building, allowing you to find the "heart of the Roman city" here; the *kardo* and the *decumanus* are right through the atrium.

In the forms of the building, I actually love standing down at the walkway that leads to the admissions office and looking up and watching the tree-line and the formations of rock under the Faculty Center coming along and resolving themselves in this building. I like the sculptural quality of the building and its relationship in its massing to the forms of the ground; so I think that's quite successful.

And another thing we consider to be part of the site and the landscape is light, natural light. I think the incorporation of natural light in the

building is wonderful. I have been to every room in the building recently and, without exception, the kind of light that's coming into the spaces is really lovely. It's the ways in which our building is relating to the landscape that I would say is quite good.

**GSB:** So, would it be fair to say you feel that the building fits the site and reflects in other buildings—that there is a connection, a feeling that it is a campus rather than just a series of individual structures?

**CR:** Absolutely! We wanted to make a building that was really a hinge to linking together all parts of the campus. I was very conscious of what the







views would be from every room, out into the campus, and I like to think that it's almost... one interpretation of the building is that it's an observation platform for the campus. So, I am hoping that it really does knit together a lot of other buildings, landscapes, and circulation.

**GSB:** One of the things that is obvious is the transparency of the building and the setting. It really is almost as though you went out for the best possible image, in terms of the setting, and made sure that's where the windows went.

**CR:** Oh, absolutely. We're very careful to relate each interior space to the surroundings, and we do try to locate our windows in just the right place. It was hard to go wrong here, to be honest. It's just a beautiful site.

**GSB:** The Brandeis campus is made up of major works by a variety of architects. How did they influence the project? I think that there's a consistency on the campus of brick with limestone or concrete trim. When we hear someone criticize the building, it's very often that "it doesn't fit in."

**CR:** I guess my first comment would be to actually challenge the

premise because one of the things I have always liked about Brandeis, even prior to working here, is that there's really quite a bit of architectural variety here. And there's even variety within the work of a single architect.

**GSB:** That's a very important point.

**CR:** You know, if you look at The Chapels and at the Rose Art, it almost looks like it has been done by two different hands. In reality I think it shows an architect thinking differently for two different types of work—one is a museum, the other are three different chapels—and thinking differently about the locations on the campus. I just think it's wrong to say that the campus has a uniform language.

You know, Jefferson, at the University of Virginia had a uniform language. The only deviation there is column capitals, but the materiality is so consistent. Here, while you could argue that there is a bit of reinforced concrete and brick on nearly every building, I have a hard time thinking that there is any kind of real language that one is trying to work with. I actually think that Brandeis is a collection of very wonderful modern buildings. They reflect what's possible in architecture

at the time they're designed, and they're all knitted together by a remarkable picturesque landscape. I would almost be more concerned with having a consistent approach to landscape, which is in keeping, I think, with this early modernist setting, where you have these very pristine buildings, or organic buildings, in a naturalistic landscape.

**GSB:** I made this point earlier, but I want to make it again for emphasis. The building seems to have come around to people. People started out not liking it, calling it the "Green Monster." [Editor's note: *Red Sox fans affectionately refer to Fenway Park's distinctive left-field wall as the "Green Monster."*] It's amazing because usually people are not that honest, but they think, "it's growing on me." Maybe you've had the same experience.

**CR:** When we did the Atlantic Center for the Arts—the arts center in Florida, which is knitted into the landscape—it was getting photographed, and the photographer said to me, "When are you going to learn to make objects that I can

photograph?" There he was, cutting down trees, trying to get images of the outside of the buildings, and that made me very aware that our buildings, while we pay attention to the outside and to what they look like, that's not necessarily the generation of the idea. Therefore, when people get to use our buildings and experience our buildings, that's where they start to make a real connection to the buildings, because those are the sorts of things that we're thinking about.

When you come to a building where transparency and light have been so carefully integrated, that's something you benefit from on a daily basis, a little bit each time you're in the building. I think it's important for people to really spend time in the building before they actually know the building.

In a way, if you look at the first-floor plan of the building, you can almost see how we split it apart so that the building is really trying to acknowledge that, while it's near the center, it's really reaching out in all four directions, and I think that's because we want this building to knit the entire campus together.

**GSB:** Thank you, Charles. ■



## A 2001-02 Report from the Senior Vice President for Institutional Advancement

Dear Alumni and Friends,

Once again I am delighted to report that support from alumni and friends has allowed us to set a new fundraising record in FY '02. This past year we raised more than \$63 million dollars, marking the third consecutive year that we have raised more than \$60 million dollars. All segments of the Brandeis community, alumni, friends, parents, Trustees, University faculty, corporations, foundations, members of the National Women's Committee, and staff, stepped forward to play key roles in our success. Particularly worthy of note was the fourth consecutive increase in alumni donations, an important trend that bodes well for Brandeis's future.

These results are especially remarkable in a year that witnessed the events of September 2001, the continuing crisis in the Middle East, and the state of stock markets around the world. Sustaining this level of giving over three years is a testament to the vision that inspired the founding of Brandeis,

and to the relevance of that vision for the world today. It is also the result of the inspired leadership of President Reinharz and Chair of the Board Steve Kay, and the efforts of Jon Davis '75, chair of the Development Committee.

We continue to focus our efforts on providing the resources needed to recruit and retain the highest caliber faculty and the best and brightest students. In the past year we endowed 10 faculty chairs, doubling the number secured in FY '01. We also made significant progress in generating support for students by adding 22 new endowed scholarships, including a signature gift from the Class of 1952.

We have now completed the "nucleus phase" of the Brandeis Campaign, and in the spring we will publicly announce and "kick-off" the Campaign. We are immensely encouraged by the leadership gifts we have received up to this point, and as a result of those gifts we have already reached 50 percent of our total campaign goal.

Fiscal '03 promises to be a special year for Brandeis. With the recent dedication of the Carl and Ruth Shapiro Campus Center, ground breaking for the new Lemberg Academic Center at the Graduate School of International Economics and

Finance, and construction of a new residence hall complex, we can already see the campus of the 21st century taking shape around us. The ongoing celebration of the 50th Anniversary of the Creative Arts Festival reminds us of the values that makes Brandeis the special place that it is.

In the face of an uncertain economy, and challenging world conditions, it is your generous contributions that make it possible for Brandeis to graduate students committed to social justice, intellectual rigor, human rights, and to making the world a better place. Now more than ever Brandeis has an important role to fill in the world.

Thank you for your continued support of and commitment to Brandeis's future.

Sincerely,

Nancy Winship  
Senior Vice President for  
Institutional Advancement



## Dedication of the Carl and Ruth Shapiro Campus Center

On October 3, 2002, the ribbon cutting and dedication ceremony for the Carl and Ruth Shapiro Campus Center was held. Friends of the Shapiros, Trustees, major donors to the University, students, faculty, and staff joined in the celebration, which

took place in the three-story atrium of the Center. Spectators were treated to tours of the new Center, a performance by an a cappella group, and a video about the Shapiros, which was shown in the building's theater. After the dedication ceremony, Trustees, and guests of the Shapiros gathered at The Faculty Club for dinner.

The ribbon cutting ceremony at the Dedication of the Carl and Ruth Shapiro Campus Center

## Graduate School of International Economics and Finance



Breaking ground on October 10 for the new Lemberg Academic Center at the Graduate School of International Economics and Finance (GSIEF) were Peter Petri, GSIEF dean and the Carl Shapiro Professor of International Finance; John Usdan, GSIEF Board chair; Stephen Kay, chair of the Brandeis Board of Trustees;

Adam Usdan, GSIEF director; and Christopher Hill, principal, CBT Architects, lead architect on the project. The new center is being built adjacent to Sachar International Center. At 22,000 square feet, it will double the space currently available for classrooms, student meeting areas, and offices for GSIEF. Completion is expected in fall 2003.



Professor Martin Feldstein gave the keynote address for the inaugural dinner of the Rosenberg Institute of Global Finance at the Belmont Country Club on October 10. He is the president of the National Bureau of Economic Research, a former chair of the President's Council of Economic Advisors, and a professor at Harvard University. He spoke about his vision for the privatization of Social Security. The Rosenberg Institute is GSIEF's primary platform on research into global finance. Leaders from four continents representing academe, business, government, and labor participated in the symposium.





Three generations of the Shapiro family



Ruth and Trustee Emeritus Carl Shapiro



Trustee Ronny Zinner and Carl Shapiro



Brandeis Board of Trustees Chair Stephen Kay and Stephen Weiner



Carl Shapiro, President Jehuda Reinhartz, and Ruth Shapiro



President Reinhartz and Carl Shapiro



"Financing Global Aging" was the theme of the inaugural symposium of the Rosenberg Institute of Global Finance. Pictured are Richard Rosenberg, retired chair and CEO of Bank of America, Barbara Rosenberg '54, Brandeis Trustee, President Reinhartz, and Peter Petri, GSIEF dean and the Carl Shapiro Professor of International Finance



Brandeis Board Chair Stephen Kay, left, is pictured with Barbara '54 and Richard Rosenberg at the inaugural symposium dinner.

## Brandeis University Board of Fellows

Created in 1951, the Brandeis Fellows today number more than 200 men and women from across the country. Fellows continue to add to the strength of the University through their generous gifts, their enthusiastic ambassadorial activities, and their counsel and expertise in many business and professional fields. Richard '57 and Rosalind Fuchsberg Kaufman '59 are the current Board of Fellows cochairs.



Valya Kazes Shapiro '61 and  
President Reinharz

### **Valya Kazes Shapiro '61**

Valya Kazes Shapiro '61 was honored at a Wien reception on October 6, 2002, when she was inducted as a Brandeis University Fellow. Shapiro's friends and family watched as she was hooded by President Jehuda Reinharz, Ph.D. '72.

Shapiro, a native of Turkey and a former Wien Scholar, has been an active member of the Brandeis community since her undergraduate days, when she was called upon by President Abram Sachar to join him on speaking engagements throughout the country. After graduating with a B.A. in theater arts from Brandeis, she continued to represent the University at student recruitment gatherings and fund-raising meetings.

Valya deepened her role with Brandeis when she married Robert Shapiro '52, the son of Abraham Shapiro, a Brandeis Founding Trustee. Robert, a trustee, and Valya have many designations on campus, including the Abraham Shapiro Athletic Center, the Valya and Robert Shapiro East European and Sephardic Studies Endowment, and the Issak Kazes Prize, which was established in memory

of Valya's father. Most recently, they established the Abraham Shapiro Academic Center.

Valya, an interior designer, is a member of the National Board for Women's Studies, a life member of the Brandeis University National Women's Committee, and past cochair of the Annual Fund Executive Committee and of the Class of 1961 Reunion Gift Committee. Her philanthropy extends beyond campus, to organizations including the Combined Jewish Philanthropies of Greater Boston, the Hebrew Rehabilitation Center for the Aged, and Hebrew College, Boston.

### **Joseph J. Levitan**

Retired Optometrist Joseph J. Levitan was hooded as a Fellow during the Sachar Legacy Society Luncheon on October 9, 2002.

A friend of Brandeis University, Levitan has established the Harry S. Levitan Chair in Teacher Education, which is held by Marya Levenson '64, and the Dr. Joseph J. Levitan Lectureship in the Sciences. He has also created several annual prizes. The Harry S. Levitan Prize, honoring the memory of Levitan's brother, is presented to a student who displays





**Dr. Joseph J. Levitan  
and President  
Jehuda Reinharz**

kindness, sympathetic understanding, and high moral character.

The Harry S. Levitan Remedial Reading and Education Prize is presented to an alumnus who, during her or his career, has furthered the goals of education through involvement in research, teaching, motivating, or volunteerism, with special attention to remedial reading and child and youth development.

A resident of Milton, Massachusetts, Levitan also established the Harry S. Levitan Award at American International College in Springfield, Massachusetts, as a memorial to his brother, who was an AIC graduate. The award recognizes students for their generosity and humane treatment of others.

#### **Fellows Calendar of Events**

**Sunday, January 19, 2003**  
Palm Beach Breakfast  
with Joseph Ketner, Foster  
Director of the Rose Art  
Museum, preceding the  
Rabb Seminar

**Sunday May 18, 2003**  
Fellows and Trustees  
Annual Breakfast

#### **In Our Prayers**

Our prayers for comfort on the passing of Fellows and family:

#### **Fellows**

Herbert H. Schiff, May 2  
Ambassador Maxwell M. Rabb, June 9  
Esther Pohn Schwartz, June 30  
Florence Eskind Zucker, August 26

#### **Family**

Suzanne Usdan  
Wife of Nathaniel Usdan  
Mother of Adam Usdan and John Usdan

Jeannette Shapiro Rosenberg  
Sister-in-law of Valya Shapiro '61

Frances Kaufman-Brown  
Mother of Richard H. Kaufman '57  
Mother-in-law of Rosalind Fuchsberg Kaufman '59

Louis Gilbert  
Brother of Frank Gilbert and Alice Brandeis Popkin

Roberta Zimble  
Mother of Carl S. Zimble

Louis Davis  
Father-in-law of Arnold Lawrence Cohen

Irving S. Paley  
Brother of Bertram R. Paley

Leonore S. Fox  
Widow of Franklin H. Fox

## **Brandeis Night 2002, Chicago**

Margot and Thomas Pritzker, P'02, hosted a gathering of alumni, parents, National Women's Committee members, and friends of the University at Brandeis Night 2002 on October 16, 2002. Following a lavish dessert reception, Paul Zlotoff '72, president of the Brandeis University

Alumni Association, welcomed the guests. President Jehuda Reinharz, Ph.D. '72, offered greetings from the University and Dean Peter Petri, the Carl Shapiro Professor of International Finance, introduced Christie Hefner '74, the evening's speaker. Hefner spoke on "Truth Unto Its Innermost Parts—Ethics and Morality."



**Nancy Winship, Paul Zlotoff '72,  
Christie Hefner '74,  
and President Reinharz**

# Books and Recordings

## Faculty

### **Benjamin Ravid and Robert C. Davis, eds.**

Ravid is Jennie and Mayer Weisman Professor of Jewish History and Davis is an associate professor of Italian history at the Ohio State University.

*The Jews of Early Modern Venice*

The Johns Hopkins University Press

In this volume, specialists from many fields of Jewish studies provide an introduction to the history of the ghetto of Venice from the perspectives of various disciplines. The main focus is the period when Jewish life in the city was at its most vigorous—from the early 16th to early 18th centuries. As the editors point out, the ghetto community “paradoxically was at the same time an integral part of the city of Venice while also rigorously excluded from it.”

## Alumni

### **Ava J. Abramowitz '70**

Abramowitz has a mediation and partnering practice and teaches negotiation to architects and lawyers across the country.

*Architect's Essentials of Contract Negotiation*  
John Wiley and Sons, Inc.

This book demystifies the complex aspects of contract negotiation for today's design professionals. Breaking the entire process into a series of simple steps, it presents a flexible array of options and methods for reaching a well-negotiated contract. The book also discusses how to be an expert long-term negotiator—invaluable advice given the long life of most architectural contracts.

### **Daniel R. Altschuler, Ph.D. '75**

Altschuler is director of the National Astronomy and Ionosphere Center's Arecibo Observatory and a member of the faculty of the physics department of the University of Puerto Rico, at Rio Piedras.

*Children of the Stars: Our Origin, Evolution and Destiny*  
Cambridge University Press

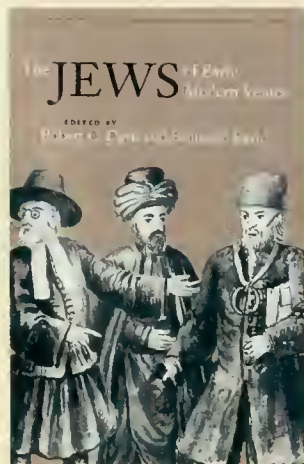
Are we alone in the Universe? In this book the author offers a combination of scientific explanation and historical comment to unravel the mysteries of the origins of the elements, stars, planets, and life itself. He starts with the birth of Earth, traces the evolution of astronomy, and speculates about the future of our planet. Altschuler also delves into the double helix of DNA, the possibility of extraterrestrials, and meteorite impacts and other threats to life on Earth.

### **Steve Andreas (formerly John O. Stevens), M.A. '61**

Andreas is an author, researcher, and trainer in neurolinguistic programming.

*Transforming Your Self: becoming who you want to be*  
Real People Press

This book is a comprehensive and practical manual for discovering, strengthening, expanding, and changing all aspects of identity gently and rapidly—including ambiguous and unwanted qualities, and negated aspects of the shadow self. It also explains how to create and modify personal boundaries that maintain a secure sense of self, protecting from the opinions, beliefs, and intrusions of others, while permitting intimacy and connection.





**Amy Axelrod '73**

Axelrod is the author of 10 books for children, including *Pigs will be Pigs Math Series™*.

*My Last Chance Brother*  
Dutton Children's Books

Anyone with an annoying sibling will laugh as Max plots a birthday revenge by wishing that Gordon, his aggravating older brother, turn into a bug. Max gleefully visualizes Gordon reduced to insect size with wings and a stinger as payback for all the mean tricks. Of course, Mom tells Max to give his brother one last chance, and eventually he does.

**Joan Burbick '70**

Burbick teaches American studies at Washington State University.

*Rodeo Queens and the American Dream*  
Public Affairs Books

*Rodeo Queens and the American Dream* shows us the world of rodeo queens—part cowgirl and part pageant princess—who

keep the dream of the ideal Western woman alive. The author interviewed dozens of queens, including rodeo royalty from the 1930s and 1940s, women who grew up breaking wild horses, branding calves, and witnessing the sad decline of the ranching life; to the rodeo queens from the 1970s to the present who describe a more fiercely commercial rodeo, driven largely by TV ratings and sponsorships.

**Luis R. Corteguera '84**

Corteguera is associate professor of history at the University of Kansas.

*For the Common Good: Popular Politics in Barcelona, 1580-1640*  
Cornell University Press

This author's first English-language book explores the political beliefs and behavior of early modern craftsmen and offers a dramatically new account

of the origins of the Catalan revolt, the longest rebellion in 11th-century Spain. Drawing on research in Barcelona's archives, the author examines how the political actions, ideas, and language of Barcelona's craftsmen shaped the relations between the Spanish monarchy and Catalonia in the decades leading to the insurrection.

**Carmit Delman '97**

Delman lives, teaches, and writes in Boston.

*Burnt Bread and Chutney: Growing up Between Cultures—A Memoir of an Indian Jewish Girl*  
One World/Ballantine Books

This book is a synthesis of the universal and the exotic. Delman's memories of the sometimes painful, sometimes pleasurable, and often awkward moments of her adolescence juxtapose strikingly with mythic tales of her female ancestors living in the Indian Jewish community. Delman's journey through religious traditions, family tensions, and social tribulations

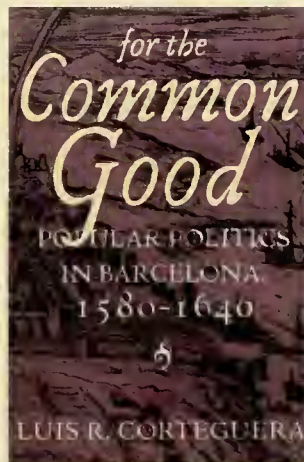
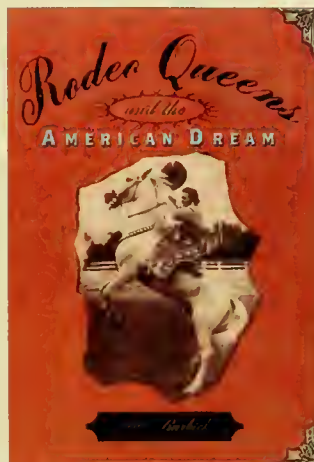
to a healthy sense of wholeness and self is rendered with grace and an acute sense of depth.

**Merrill Joan Gerber, M.A. '81**

Gerber is a prize-winning novelist and short story writer.

*Anna in the Afterlife*  
Syracuse University Press

Once Anna's dying got underway, this 90-year-old woman could not really complain about the way the process moved along. During the four-day limbo that bridges her death and burial, Anna gets to investigate the preparations for her own funeral, the true nature of her sister's suicide attempt, and the revelations of her own sexual abuse by her half-brother. In her final moments of consciousness, Anna has the last word on her own secrets and crimes before stepping into eternity.





*Botticelli Blue Skies: An American in Florence*  
The University of Wisconsin Press

When Gerber is invited to join her husband, a history professor, as he takes a class of American college students to study in Florence, Italy, she feels terrified at the idea of leaving her comforts, her friends, and her aged mother in California. *Botticelli Blue Skies* is the tale of a woman who readily admits to fear of travel; when she finally plunges into the new adventure, she describes her experiences in Florence with wit, humor, and energy.

**Robert Glennon, M.A. '72, Ph.D. '81**

Glennon is the Morris K. Udall Professor of Law and Public Policy at the University of Arizona. He teaches water law, constitutional law, and an American legal history course on the Colorado River.

*Water Follies: Groundwater Pumping and the Fate of America's Fresh Waters*  
Island Press

## WATER FOLLIES

Groundwater Pumping and the Fate of America's Fresh Waters



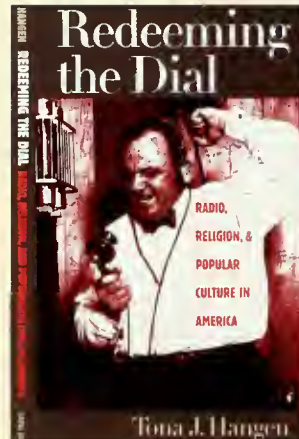
ROBERT GLENNON

The Santa Cruz River that once flowed through Tucson, Arizona, is today a sad mirage of a river. The author explains that what killed the river—and has devastated other waters across the United States—was groundwater pumping. The excessive pumping of our aquifers has created an environmental catastrophe. In *Water Follies*, Glennon sketches the culture of water use in the United States, explaining how and why we are growing increasingly reliant on groundwater.

**Tona J. Hangen, Ph.D. '99**  
Hangen is a lecturer in the History and Literature Program at Harvard University.

*Redeeming the Dial: Radio, Religion, & Popular Culture in America*  
The University of North Carolina Press

Blending cultural, religious, and media history, the author offers a detailed look into the world of religious radio. She traces the careers of three of the most successful Protestant radio evangelists—Paul Rader, Aimee Semple McPherson, and Charles Fuller—and examines the strategies they used to bring their messages to listeners across the nation. Revealing the entwined development of evangelical religion and modern mass media, Hangen demonstrates that the history of one is incomplete without the history of the other.



**Lewis Kachur '76**  
Kachur is associate professor of art history at Kean University, New Jersey.

*Displaying the Marvelous: Marcel Duchamp, Salvador Dali, and Surrealist Exhibition Installations*  
The MIT Press

Surrealism in its late phase often abandoned neutral exhibition spaces in favor of environments that made a statement or embodied Surrealist principles in actual space. Kachur explores this development by examining three elaborate installations created between 1938 and 1942 and presents a full visual and verbal reconstruction of each of these exhibitions, evoking the sequence that the contemporary viewer would have encountered.

**Neil J. Kressel '78, M.A. '78**

Kressel is an authority on the psychology of international affairs, terrorism, and law.

*Mass Hate: The Global Rise of Genocide and Terror*  
Westview Press



*Mass Hate* explores why the brutality of humankind erupted in the 20th century and why terrorist violence now threatens the very core of Western civilization. This investigation focuses on the horrifying tactics of rape and torture in Bosnia, the large-scale butchery in Rwanda, and systematic murder of millions during the Holocaust. Kressel examines how Muslim extremism has led to violence and fear across the globe and probes history, psychology, and political science for explanations of what propels a person to raise a machete against innocent neighbors.

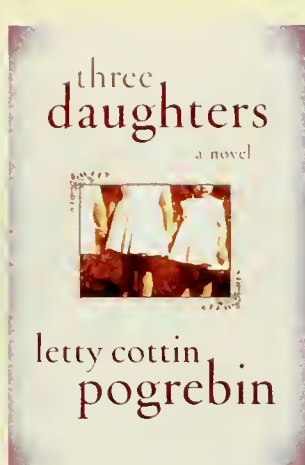
**A. David Lewis '99**

Lewis is a member of Georgetown University, Washington, D.C.

*Mortal Coils™*  
Red Eye Press

The first issue of *Mortal Coils*, a dark, suspense comic book, features two stand-alone stories, "Disembodiment" and "Deeper Blue." The first focuses on a woman's worst nightmare—to not only confront a man who attacked her, but to actually become him. The second tale takes a fresh look at the classic man-versus-machine story, this time exploring a scenario where the human target wants the automatons to win.





### Letty Cottin Pogrebin '59

Pogrebin is the author of eight books of nonfiction, cofounder of *Ms.* magazine, a journalist, and lecturer.

*three daughters*  
Farrar, Straus and Giroux

*three daughters* is a bitingly funny first novel about a trio of different sisters whose shifting loyalties play out within a Jewish family enmeshed in a web of well-meant secrets and lies. It's also a story of the shaping power of memory, the hunger to understand one's own past, and the tension between security and freedom as seen through the lives and loves of three unforgettable women.

### Paula Rabinowitz '74

Rabinowitz is a professor of English at the University of Minnesota.

*Black & White & Noir: America's Pulp Modernism*  
Columbia University Press

*Black & White & Noir* explores America's pulp modernism through penetrating readings of the noir sensibility lurking in an eclectic array of media: Office of War Information photography, women's experimental films, and African American novels, among others. It finds in pulp a political theory that helps explain America's fascination with lurid spectacles of crime. This book offers an overview of the noir shadows cast when the media's glare is focused on the unseen and the unseemly in our culture.

### George Saitoti '67

Saitoti is vice president and minister of home affairs for the government of Kenya, Nairobi.

*The Challenges of Economic and Institutional Reforms in Africa*  
Ashgate Publishing Limited

Written by a seasoned African scholar and experienced policy maker, this work contains a refreshing, rigorous, and multidisciplinary analysis of strategies for poverty alleviation, sustainable development, and peaceful coexistence. The book highlights the significance of institutional reforms as part of an effective poverty alleviation program and also identifies key challenges facing Africa such as HIV/AIDS and improving competitiveness. It provides practical policy proposals to deal with the various challenges.

### Lawrence H. Suid, M.F.A. '71

Suid is a military historian and the author and editor of several books. His articles have appeared in a number of journals and newspapers.

*Guts & Glory: The Making of the American Military Image in Film*  
The University Press of Kentucky

This book is an examination of the relationship between the film industry and the United States armed services. The author offers in-depth looks at such classic war films as *Wings*, *Thirty Seconds Over Tokyo*, *The Longest Day*, *Patton*, *The Killing Fields*, and *Top Gun*. In this expanded edition, which contains more than 400 pages of new material, Suid has revised his classic history of the mutual exploitation of the film industry and the military.

### Robert Weintraub '55

Weintraub's fiction writing, which began after a career in labor relations, has featured the publication of several short stories about life in a nursing home.

*Best Wishes, Harry Greenfield*  
1st Books Library

Harry Greenfield realizes that he'll never leave the nursing home in which his children have placed him. Stubborn and judgmental, he reveals the passions that drive him and the turning points of his life in the letters he writes. His talks with a former Catholic priest, who also lives in the nursing home, pushes Harry to resolve his long-standing hostilities within his own family before it's too late. For those of us with aging parents and relatives, Harry's circumstances arouse our deepest fears and concerns about the quality of life a loved one may experience in a nursing home.

### Recording

#### Sarah Mead

artist-in-residence in music and director, Early Music Ensemble, Aaron Moulin, graduate student; and Julia Deak '01

Alfonso Ferrabosco II:  
*Four-Part Fantasias*  
Viola da Gamba Society

Mead, Moulin, and Deak joined fellow viol players to produce the Viola da Gamba Society of New England recording of the complete four-part fantasias of Alfonso Ferrabosco, an English composer who lived in the early 1600s. Thirteen viol quartets were involved in the recording project with each group playing one or two of the fantasias. The music included on this CD features the distinctive sound of the viols, mellow yet clear. Three different sizes of viol were called for: treble, tenor, and bass, and each one has an interesting line to play.



## New-Student Send-Offs

The Alumni Association's Alumni Admissions Council sponsored New-Student Send-Offs for the Class of 2006. In addition to



Playing Louis BINGO  
(icebreaker game created by the  
Northern New Jersey AAC)

introducing the students to fellow classmates and upper-class students (Future Alumni of Brandeis), this event helps to educate students early about the University and its alumni. This is the first step toward their realization that the Brandeis University community is large, supportive, and special. We thank all of the alumni who attended with offers to help the students and their families during this major transition.

The Alumni Association also recognizes the generosity of the following



hosts: Robin Green '87 of Toronto; Dave Tierney '62 of Phoenix; Southern California Club President Laurie Slater Albert '74 of Malibu; Cincinnati Club Presidents Chuck and Darlene Green Kamine '74, parents of Elida '03; Stuart and Trudi Linas, parents of Beth '04, of Denver; in Connecticut, Gus '52 and Rachel Finkelstein '56 Ranis; David Liechter '79 of Miami; Fran Shonfeld Sherman '84, AAC regional chair, of Highland Park, Illinois; Baltimore Club President Barbara Kirsner

Berg '76 of Owings Mills; Massachusetts's hosts Dan '79 and Elizabeth Etra '81 Jick of Chestnut Hill; in Minnesota, JoAnn and Erie '70 Pasternack of Mendota Heights; Northern and Central New Jersey's hosts Larry and Margie Rachelson Samuels '75 of West Caldwell; New York City's hosts Danny Lehrman '64, AAC regional chair, and Vic Ney '81, Club President; Long Island Club

## Louie-Net

The Alumni Association offers its members special access to Louie-Net online services through its Website at <http://alumni.brandeis.edu>. Alumni may register on this secure site for a username and password to access Louie-mail® (an email forwarding

address) and an alumni Online Directory. While you are there you may also update your contact information with the University, submit a class note, view a schedule of upcoming events, and more! Only Brandeis alumni who register will be able to access this information on our secure Website. Alumni will have the option to show or hide their contact

information. A terms and conditions agreement that each registered user accepts protects you from directory misuse. Be among the first to learn about the enhancements we make to Louie-Net by signing up today!



President Jaime '86 and Stacey Ezratty of East Rockaway; Westchester County's hosts Laura and Alan '64 Katz, parents of Oren Barouch '03 and Jessie Barouch-Katz '06 of Scarsdale; Philadelphia/Southern New Jersey's hosts Kenneth '77 and Eileen Schnall '78 Winter of Cherry Hill, NJ; Susan Lehrer, Ph.D. '62, of Houston; and in Seattle, Beth Linder Weisberg '61, AAC regional chair.



Greater Chicago



Northern New Jersey



South Florida

## Take me out to the ball game...

### Alumni Club of Chicago

On May 10, 2002, the club attended the Chicago Cubs vs. Milwaukee Brewers (Milwaukee 6-4) game at Wrigley Field where they had hoped to see Brandeis graduate and Brewer Nelson Figueroa '97 take the field. Nelson did not get the call that day, but we wish him luck for next season.

### Alumni Club of Arizona

The 2001 World Series Champions, the Arizona Diamondbacks, hosted National League rival, the Philadelphia Phillies, on May 19, 2002. Brandeis alumni were at Bank One Ballpark to see their Diamondbacks defeated 4-3.

### Alumni Club of Southern California

The Recent Graduates Network sponsored an outing for all interested



alumni to witness the Boston Red Sox take on the Los Angeles Dodgers in their first series since the Red Sox World Series victory in 1916. This time the Dodgers were the victors, 5-4, on June 22, 2002, at Dodger Stadium.

At Wrigley Field in Chicago, Mike Lieber, Rebecca Zuckerman Lieber '94, Club President David Desser '90, David Ballis-Swirnoff '91, David Channin '82, and in front, Josh Channin (future Brandeisian)

## Future Alumni of Brandeis Bring Alumni and Students Together

Future Alumni of Brandeis (FAB) is the student-chaired arm of the Brandeis University Alumni Association. FAB strives to create and develop lasting relationships between students and Brandeis University alumni, through networking, educational, and social programs.

FAB also manages the appearances of the Brandeis Mascot, Ollie the Owl. Our new initiative, the FAB Liaison Program, is a group of current students who want to strengthen the relationship between alumni and students by becoming active with the alumni clubs from their hometowns. They will work with alumni club presidents and event hosts to establish and/or increase student participation in New-Student Send-Offs and any other events that take place during summers, breaks, and any other times that students are home. FAB cochairs Elida Kamine '03 and Emily Meltzer '04 can be reached at [fab@alumni.brandeis.edu](mailto:fab@alumni.brandeis.edu), 781-736-4117.



World of Education and Public Service, September 24, 2002



### World of Education and Public Service

On September 24, 2002, FAB presented World of Education and Public Service to the student body in the Napoli Room in Gosman. Jeffrey Young '75, superintendent of Newton Public Schools, and Lillian Glickman, M.S.W. '71, Ph.D. '72, secretary of the Massachusetts Office of Elder Affairs gave brief keynote addresses and spoke about the nature of careers in education and public service. The following alumni also attended the event and spoke with students about their careers and educational choices: Marya Levenson '64, Jonathan Imber '74, Rachel Helfer Lipkin '98, David Nurenberg '99, and Sophia Moon '02. FAB member Sari Wallenstein '03 was the student chair of the event.

### Legacy Reception

In order to celebrate generations of Brandeis connections, FAB hosted the annual Legacy Reception during Fall Fest 2002 on Saturday, October 12, 2002, for all students, past and present, who have family ties to other graduates of Brandeis University. Legacy family Elida '03, Chuck '74, and Darlene Green '74 Kamine made welcoming remarks and third-generation student, Katie Cook '03, chaired the event in the Rapaport Treasure Hall at Goldfarb Library.

## Special Events for Alumni

### Alumni Club of Greater Boston

On May 5, 2002, local alumni enjoyed a matinee performance of *City of Angels* at the Spingold Theater Center. Event cochairs, Barbara Cantor Sherman '54 and Melissa Bank '99, hosted the group with a post-performance reception.

### Alumni Club of Southern California

The club visited the highly acclaimed Warhol exhibit at MOCA (Museum of Contemporary Art) on June 29, 2002. The *Andy Warhol Retrospective*, originally organized by the Neue Nationalgalerie, Berlin, and exhibited at the Tate Modern in London, had its only showing in North America at MOCA in Los Angeles, where 250 pieces occupied the entire museum. Brandeis was there! Sincerest thanks go to Jonathan Novak '75, Jonathan Novak Contemporary Art in

Century City, who invited art historian Michael Zakian, director of the Frederick R. Weisman Museum at Pepperdine University, to be our guest docent as we toured the exhibit. Following the tour, some of the Brandeisians in attendance went to R-23, a Japanese restaurant for dinner. Deborah Dragon '95 chaired the event.

On September 1, 2002, Brandeis alumni, friends, and family gathered at the Hollywood Bowl for "The Great American Concert: A Tribute to New York," performed by the Hollywood Bowl Orchestra, with John Mauceri, conductor. Alumni from the past five decades picnicked prior to the concert, mingled, and schmoozed under the stars and a terrific display of patriotic fireworks. Thank you to Meredith Harmon Stewart '97 who graciously served as event host/chair, and to Debbie Chariton '91, cohost for the evening.



## Recent Graduates Network

If you would like to help with the Network in your city, contact your local club president (see page 52) or call Autumn Haynes, senior associate director of alumni relations, at 800-333-1948, [ahaynes@brandeis.edu](mailto:ahaynes@brandeis.edu).

### Alumni Club of New York City

Cochaired by Erica Lowenfels '98 and Bram Weber '97, the Recent Graduates Network hosted a Summer in the City reception for alumni from the Classes of 1990 to 2002. Alumni gathered in the lower level and the courtyard of Brandeis

House on June 25, 2002, to see old friends, make new connections, and welcome the Class of 2002 to New York. On August 22, 2002, the network enjoyed an outdoor happy hour to finish off a series of three Summer in the City programs in New York City at the West 79th Street Boat Basin Cafe on the Hudson River.

The event cochairs were Brita Gaffey '01 and Adam Zirkin '01.

### Alumni Club of Southern California

On July 25, 2002, the club hosted a Recent Graduates Network Mixer for alumni from the classes of 1990 to 2002. The group gathered at The Firm Restaurant and Bar in West Hollywood to hang out, socialize, and welcome new graduates from the Class of 2002. There were martinis and

bruschetta and lots of "You did Tymp last year? ...I did Tymp shows when I was there!! What shows did you guys do?" The old guard got the scoop on what's going on at Brandeis and the alumni new to town got the low down on what's popular in Los Angeles. Thanks to event chair Debra Curtis '91.

### Alumni Club of Greater Boston

The Recent Graduates Network hosted a Kick-Off Happy Hour on August 20, 2002, at Tia's on the Waterfront. The event included a special welcome to the Class of 2002. Eli P. Strick '00 and Brian Irwin '98 cochair the Network.



NYC Recent Graduates Network Cochair Erica Lowenfels '97 and Event Cochair Brita Gaffey '01 at the Happy Hour on the Hudson

### Alumni Clubs of Philadelphia and Southern New Jersey

On July 24, 2002, members of the Alumni Clubs of Philadelphia and Southern New Jersey enjoyed an evening of camaraderie and fun at The Mann Center for the Performing Arts. The group attended an outdoor concert by the Philadelphia Orchestra, which featured a

program of Broadway music, including favorite excerpts from *South Pacific*, *Carousel*, *Show Boat*, and many other popular shows. The clubs were happy to have several Brandeis students and many new faces at the event.

### Alumni Club of New York City

On July 28, 2002, the club sponsored Summer in the City Part II: Chapels Field Revisited: A Brandeis Day in Central Park. Alumni enjoyed a day of

softball and relaxation on the Great Lawn. Event cochairs Francesca Segre '94 and Gabriella Gutman '99 hope this will become an annual event.

The Allied Health Professional Network hosted alumni in various health care professions and current students who will be pursuing health-related fields for an information networking reception on July 30, 2002, at Brandeis House.

### Alumni Club of Long Island

On September 5, 2002, Risa Beth Glaser '85 chaired an event for local alumni to watch Pete Sampras defeat Andy Roddick in the quarterfinal match of the U.S. Open Tennis Championships at Arthur Ashe Stadium, USTA National Tennis Center, Flushing, New York.

## Fall Fest

Dreary skies didn't dampen Brandeis spirit as alumni, students, and their families converged on campus to celebrate Fall Fest 2002 on October 11-13, 2002.

Cultural, social, academic, and athletic events filled the Fall Fest 2002 schedule. On Friday, families and

alumni had the opportunity to attend open classes with current Brandeis students. A number of alumni and students took advantage of a networking reception hosted by Hiatt Career Center and Future Alumni of Brandeis (FAB). In the evening, a large crowd attended Talent Fest, which featured student

and alumni performers including The Late Night Players, an alumni comedy troupe. Following the performance, the Minority Alumni Network hosted a reception for all members of the Brandeis community and many alumni danced the rest of the night away at the annual homecoming Stein Night.

On Saturday morning, guests enjoyed continental breakfast in several residence quads around campus and then joined some of Brandeis's distinguished faculty and staff for a variety of presentations and workshops. Alumni reconnected at a mini-Reunion for past members of Orientation core committees and at a Legacy reception celebrating generations of Brandeis connections. Professor Emeritus Stephen Gendzier delighted a group of parents and alumni with the class The Appreciation of Red Wine. Saturday evening culminated with a sold-out crowd in Spingold Theater for Comedy Fest, featuring renowned comedienne Ellen Steigman '91 and a formidable Mark Nizer, the self-proclaimed "bad boy of juggling."

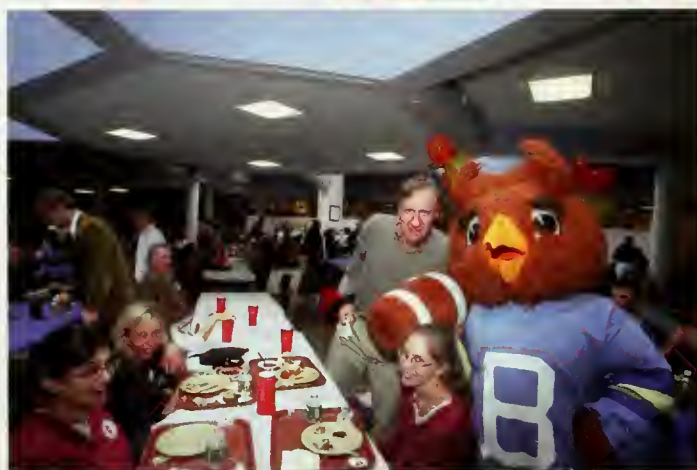
Despite the rain, Brandeis athletics shined. Women's and men's cross country competed in the Open New England Championships. The women finished fourth among Division III schools and 12th overall, and the men finished 12th and 31st. An alumni softball tournament and swim meet were held on Saturday

afternoon and, on Sunday, men's soccer crushed Case Western Reserve. Brandeis also hosted the University Athletic Association (UAA) volleyball tournament this weekend, earning a fifth place ranking overall.

One of the highlights of Sunday afternoon was the second annual Street Fest, featuring student clubs, performers, music, food, amusement rides, and games. The stage was never quiet with the acts of some of the most popular performing student groups. More than 1,000 people enjoyed the special Fall Fest barbecue. Rounding out the weekend was Jazz Fest, which featured renowned pianist Dick Hyman with Howard Alden on guitar and Jay Leonhart on bass, with special appearance by members of the Brandeis Jazz Ensemble. Jazz Fest was organized by Ken Davis '66 and sponsored by the Evelyn R. Davis Trust.

This was the first time that Homecoming and Family Weekend were combined into one, large-scale weekend. The main purpose of Fall Fest is to generate more Brandeis spirit by bringing together all members of the University community for fun-filled, enthusiastic events that showcase current students and the campus. Student groups, athletic teams, and alumni collaborated to create this special weekend.

An enthusiastic response to the Dick Hyman Trio at Jazz Fest



Top: Ira '62 and Linda Shoolman with daughter, Kate '05, explore The Rose Art Museum with new Curator Raphaela Platow

Above: Ollie the Owl at Sunday's Street Fest

Right: Stephen Gendzier leads The Appreciation of Red Wine





## Alumni Clubs Host Faculty

Brandeis University and the Alumni Association offer the Faculty-in-the-Field program in order to give Brandeis alumni the opportunity to interact with prominent faculty, meet former professors, and sample the intellectual teaching atmosphere of the University today. If you are interested in becoming involved in your area, contact your club president directly or contact Autumn Haynes, senior associate director of alumni relations, at 800-333-1948, [ahaynes@brandeis.edu](mailto:ahaynes@brandeis.edu).

### Alumni Club of Greater Boston

The club completed its spring programming with the final session of the Downtown Lunch Series on May 15, 2002. Michael Henchman, professor of chemistry, presented "The Science Behind Art: Did van Eyck Use Lenses...and Picasso Neuroscience?" to alumni at the downtown Boston firm of Brown Rudnick Berlack Israels, where our host was Lawrence Uchill '69. The series chair is Barbara Cantor Sherman '54.

### Alumni Club of Northern California

Members of the club were invited to meet with Brandeis University Provost and Senior Vice President for Academic Affairs Mel

Bernstein on September 12, 2002. The intimate gathering at The Compass Rose in San Francisco allowed the provost time to meet with some of our West Coast alumni and share his vision of Brandeis's academic future. Newly appointed club president, Linda Marks '62, served as host for the event.

### Alumni Club of New York City

The Visual Arts Network hosted its first official event on September 26, 2002, at Brandeis House with Jim Clark and Melissa Brown,

artists-in-residence in fine arts. They discussed "What it Means to be a Brandeis Artist." The event chairs were Abbe Steinglass '64 and Caryn Gilbert '82. Interested parties may direct inquiries to [nycvan@alumni.brandeis.edu](mailto:nycvan@alumni.brandeis.edu).

The Entrepreneurs Network, chaired by Joshua Zegen '97 and Adam Sheer '92, invited all alumni to a Faculty-in-the-Field event with Charles Reed, adjunct professor in the Graduate School of International Economics and Finance on October 2, 2002, at Brandeis House. To sign up for this network, email [nycentrepreneurs@alumni.brandeis.edu](mailto:nycentrepreneurs@alumni.brandeis.edu).

## Alumni Association Board of Directors Meeting

The fall business meeting of the Alumni Association board of directors was held on campus on October 5, 2002. New members welcomed were: member-at-large, Barbara Krasin Kravitz '57; Alumni Admissions Council representative, Alan Rosenberg '74;

Lauren Cohen Small '78; undergraduate student representative and Future Alumni of Brandeis (FAB) Cochair Emily Meltzer '04; Presidential Appointee Larry Nemer '76; Alumni Club of Northern California President Linda Marks '62; Alumni Club of Baltimore President Barbara Kirsner Berg '76; and Alumni Club of Westchester County President Davida Shapiro Scher '69. In addition to a full meeting agenda the

board members were treated to a tour of the Carl and Ruth Shapiro Campus Center led by Rick Sawyer, dean of student life. For the "full" campus experience, participants also enjoyed lunch in the Sherman cafeteria with some of the FAB Club Liaisons (see more about this initiative on page 42).

## Book Ends

Add two more names to the list of award-winning alumni. Jack Davis, Ph.D. '94, and Brian Kelly, Ph.D. '98, former American history majors, recently received honors for their books.

Jack Davis's *Race against Time: Culture and Separation in Natchez since 1930*, has received the Charles S. Sydnor Award from the Southern

Historical Association. The award recognizes a distinguished book in Southern history. Published by LSU press, *Race against Time* strives to unravel the emotional and cultural foundations of race in the white mind in Natchez, Mississippi. Davis is assistant professor of history and director of environmental studies at the University of Alabama at Birmingham. He is the coauthor of *Only in Mississippi: A Guide for the Adventurous Traveler* and editor of *The Civil Rights Movement*.

*Race, Class, and Power in the Alabama Coalfields, 1908-1921* by Brian Kelly has been awarded the Isaac Deutscher Prize, given each year in the United Kingdom for the best and most innovative work writing in or about the Marxist tradition. The book, published by the University of Illinois, had already won the Illinois American History Award. In

this study, Kelly challenges the prevailing notion that white workers were the main source of resistance to racial equality in the Jim Crow South. Kelly is a lecturer in the School of Modern History at Queen's University Belfast.

Both books were originally Brandeis dissertations, both advised by Jackie Jones, the Truman Professor of American Civilization.

"The graduate program in history at Brandeis has, I think, a special character in the way it

## Alumni Share Their Expertise

Regional clubs invite their own members to share their expertise on a variety of topics. These events provide an opportunity to engage alumni and make them aware of each other's accomplishments and endeavors. If you are interested in sharing your expertise or opening your home to host a program, please contact your club president directly or contact Autumn Haynes, senior

associate director of alumni relations, at 800-333-1948, ahaynes@brandeis.edu.

### Alumni Club of Westchester County

On May 19, 2002, alumni and guests heard from Irene Anderman Gutheil '66, Henry C. Ravazzin Professor of Gerontology at Fordham University's Graduate School of Social Service, as she presented "Reflections on Aging: Our Mothers, Fathers, Ourselves." The tone was informal and Gutheil engaged the group and distributed material for

participants to take home for further reading. The gracious hosts, Steven '66 and Jane Hochman, opened their home in White Plains for the event.

### Alumni Club of West Coast Florida

On May 30, 2002, alumni gathered for a "Perspective from the Bench" with Judge Lauren Levy Miller '80. Ruth Saltzman Albert '55 hosted the event in Pelican Marsh, Naples.

### Alumni Club of New York City

On June 10, 2002, at Brandeis House, alumni from the New York area gathered to hear Larry Suid, M.F.A. '71, speak about his research experiences for his latest book, the revised edition of *Guts and Glory*. He shared his expertise as a military historian who documents the portrayal of the American military in film.



## Alumni Club of Israel Hosts President Reinharz

combines collegiality with intellectual stimulation in an environment that encourages one to break away from the mold and explore new ideas," said Davis. "My teachers and classmates, and the department's distinguished tradition, continually challenged me to raise the expectations I had for myself. I truly don't think I would have had the same experience elsewhere."



President Jehuda Reinharz, Ph.D. '72, made a visit to Jerusalem, where he was able to meet with alumni as well as current Brandeis students, participating in the study abroad program. Rabbi Herbert and Rose Shirwindt '57 Weinberg opened their home on French Hill on May 12, 2002, for Brandeis alumni, friends, and students.



Above: President Jehuda Reinharz visits with alumni in Jerusalem

Left: Brandeis study abroad students with President Reinharz

The Young Lawyers and Media Networks hosted alumni on July 10, 2002, for a topical presentation at Brandeis House. "Media Coverage of Israel: Biased or Balanced?" was presented by Linda Scherzer '82, former Middle East correspondent for CNN and Israeli Television. A lengthy question and answer period made the evening interesting and engaging. The event cochairs were

Erik Shawn '92 of the Young Lawyers Network ([nycyounglawyers@alumni.brandeis.edu](mailto:nycyounglawyers@alumni.brandeis.edu)) and Michelle Leder '88 of the Media Network ([nycmedia@alumni.brandeis.edu](mailto:nycmedia@alumni.brandeis.edu)).

The Young Lawyers Network hosted "Making Us Less Free: War on Terrorism or War on Liberty?," a discussion with Michael Ratner '66, president, Center for Constitutional Rights, and Eric Friedberg '77, computer crimes consultant, Stroz Associates, LLC, on

September 18, 2002, at Brandeis House. Andrew Zeitlin '90 chaired the event.

The Allied Health Professionals Network brought Stuart Cook '57, president, University of Medicine and Dentistry of New Jersey, to Brandeis House on September 24,

2002, to present his view of the "Status of Health Care in the United States." Douglas Monasebian '84 chairs the Network, which may be contacted at [nychealth@alumni.brandeis.edu](mailto:nychealth@alumni.brandeis.edu). On October 10, 2002, Scott Lasensky, Ph.D. '01, fellow and assistant director, U.S./Middle East Project, Council on Foreign Relations, led a discussion on "Bush, the War on Terrorism, and Israel" at Brandeis House.

## Upcoming Alumni Events

For a current calendar of activities or for more details, visit <http://alumni.brandeis.edu>, or watch your mail for invitations to the following programs (subject to change).

### **Alumni Club of Arizona**

**Monday, February 10**

Lydian String Quartet at the University of Arizona

### **Alumni Club of Greater Boston**

**Thursday, January 9**

Brandeis Theater Night at *Golda's Balcony*

**Wednesday, January 15**

Downtown Lunch Series with Leslie Zebrowitz, Manuel Yellen Professor of Social Relations

**Wednesday, January 29**

Minority Alumni Network Alumni and Students Networking Reception

**Thursday, January 30**

Gay, Lesbian, Bisexual, Transgender Alumni Network Alumni and Student Networking Reception

**Sunday, February 9**

Alumni Family Day at Brandeis Judges Basketball Games

**Tuesday, February 11**

Brandeis Breakfast Series with Benjamin Gomes-Casseres '76, Associate Professor of International Business

**Tuesday, February 11**

Minority Alumni Network presents Julieanna Richardson '76, The HistoryMakers

**Tuesday, March 11**

Downtown Lunch Series with Robert Reich, University Professor, Maurice B. Hexter Professor of Social and Economic Policy

### **Alumni Club of Northern California**

**Friday, January 24**

Faculty-in-the-Field with Stephen Whitfield, Ph.D. '72, Max Richter Professor of American Civilization

**Sunday, March 30**

In Discussion: Martha Kanter '70, President, De Anza College, and Mitch Kertzman '70, CEO, Liberate Technologies

### **Alumni Club of Southern California**

**Sunday, February 16**

Faculty-in-the-Field with Rose Art Museum Director Joseph Ketner

### **Alumni Club of Chicago**

**Saturday, January 4**

Annual Alumni and Student Broomball Game

### **Alumni Club of South Florida**

**Sunday, March 9**

Faculty-in-the-Field with Steven Burg, Adlai Stevenson Professor of International Politics

### **Alumni Club of West Coast Florida**

**Sunday, January 12**

Faculty-in-the-Field with Shulamit Reinharz, Ph.D. '77, Jacob S. Potofsky Professor of Sociology

### **Alumni Clubs of New York City, Westchester County, Northern New Jersey, Long Island**

**Saturday, March 1**

Brandeis vs. NYU Basketball Games

### **Alumni Club of New York City**

**Tuesday, January 7**

Performing Arts Network presents Brandeis Theater Night at *Tuesdays with Morrie*

**Tuesday, January 14**

Chocolate Tasting with Stephanie Zonis '82, Chocolate Critic and Columnist

**Wednesday, January 15**

Entrepreneurs Network presents Robert F.X. Sillerman '71, Sillerman Companies

**Wednesday, January 22**

Media Network presents an Alumni Author Reading and Book Signing with Letty Cottin Pogrebin '59, *Three Daughters*

**Sunday, February 2**

Recent Graduates Network Community Service Day

**Thursday, February 13**

Recent Graduates Network Happy Hour at Mod

**Tuesday, February 18**

Dena Fisher, Ph.D. '01, The Seeds of Peace Program

**Thursday, February 20**

Visual Arts Network presents Fine Arts Faculty and Alumni Reunion

**Thursday, February 27**

Performing Arts Network presents *The Inseparables* by Professor Emeritus of Theater Arts Martin Halpern

**Saturday, March 1**

Young Lawyers Network Happy Hour and Networking after the NYU Basketball Games

**Tuesday, March 4**

Minority Alumni Network Welcome Reception and Open House

### **Alumni Club of Northern New Jersey**

**Thursday, January 9**

A Professional Networking Event for Students and Alumni

**Sunday, February 23**

NJ Nets Basketball Game

### **Alumni Club of Seattle**

**Wednesday, January 8**

Faculty-in-the-Field with Associate Provost and Lecturer in Chemistry Art Reis and Alumni Club Exploratory Meeting

### **Alumni Leadership Conference**

**Friday, March 21-Saturday, March 22**

### **Future Alumni of Brandeis**

**Tuesday, February 4**

World of Business and Technology



## Negotiation Expert Returns to Brandeis to Teach Course

It was a homecoming of sorts when Steven P. Cohen '63, president of The Negotiation Skills Company (TNSC) and published author, returned to Brandeis to teach Transnational Negotiations, a course offered through the Graduate School of International Economics and Finance (GSIEF).

"GSIEF is an impressive program. I am pleased to be in such good company," says Cohen. "I am delighted to have the opportunity to give something back to the school that gave so much to me."

Cohen draws on his more than 35 years of negotiating experience to teach the course, which is designed to show students how to negotiate successfully with those from other cultures. Appealing to those interested in globalism

and international business methods, the Brandeis course teaches the basics of ethical negotiation, then relates those principles to an international business setting. The curriculum is based on *Fighting Fires Without Burning Bridges*, a corporate workshop TNSC presents for domestic and international businesses.

Cohen's course's timely topic is popular among students. Twice the expected number of students registered for the course. "The student interest is an example of the growing necessity for businesses to operate in an international marketplace," Cohen says. Among his 30 students, 17 countries are represented.

One of the most important concepts taught is that employees' cultures are not determined solely by their nationalities. Students learn that people who come from different socio-economic backgrounds, education levels, and age groups, who work together under one corporate roof, often expect to negotiate and interact with management and

colleagues in very different ways. Cohen refers to the departments in large corporations as "tribes" and teaches negotiation methods designed to integrate the values and priorities of these tribes into one harmonious and efficient corporate culture.

While Cohen's course offers insights into the negotiation and business methods used by different cultures, he is quick to dissuade students from stereotyping peers or future colleagues. "The key is not to assume that someone of a specific nationality or cultural background is going to automatically act in a certain way, but to understand traditional hot buttons and be respectful of cultural nuances," Cohen says.

Cohen, the author of *Negotiating Skills For Managers* (McGraw Hill, 2002), is also an executive

mentor to CEOs in the United States and abroad. He is a visiting professor at ISA, the International M.B.A. Program of Groupe HEC, the most competitive business school in the French system.

In addition to Brandeis, Cohen was graduated from Columbia University Law School and Henley Management College.



Steven P. Cohen '63

## Brandeis Couple Makes History

After sending a three-page letter to top editors at *The New York Times*, Steven Goldstein '84 and his partner Daniel Gross became the first same-sex

couple to be listed in *The New York Times* wedding announcements section. With the couple's inclusion, the *Times* changed its longstanding policy that had excluded lesbian and gay commitment ceremonies, and many other newspapers have now followed the *Times*' lead.

The couple was featured on NBC's *Today Show*, CNN, and in newspapers across the world. Goldstein and Gross, celebrating 10 years together, had a Jewish

religious ceremony in Montreal, and the next day transported all 180 of their guests across the border to Vermont for a Civil Union. Heidi Block Barishman '84 and Cheryl Appel Rosenfeld '84 served as groomswomen.

## Wien Alumni and Student Fall Reception

Wien alumni and current Wien International Scholars gathered on October 6, 2002, in the Faculty Center for a fall reception. Participants celebrated the arrival of the this year's new scholars and the programs that further



Bineti Vitta '04

international understanding, provide students with an opportunity to study in the United States, and enrich the intellectual and cultural life of the Brandeis campus. The Wien Scholars program began in 1958 and over 700 outstanding undergraduate scholars from more than 100 countries have participated in this program.

Janet Akyuz Mattei '65 extended greetings to the alumni, students, faculty, and administration members that were assembled. Bineti Vitta '04, a current Wien Scholar, addressed the gathering with the following words:

I would just like to begin by saying that I am very glad to have this opportunity to speak today on behalf of the Wien Scholars. So, a little about me: My name is Bineti Vitta, and I am a junior here at Brandeis. I was born in Senegal but am Tanzanian by citizenship and have lived in Kenya most of my life. So what brought me half across the world to Brandeis? I'll be blunt and give the answer I am sure many of you have heard many, many times: money. But maybe more pertinent questions to ask are what has kept me here at Brandeis? What keeps me going at Brandeis?

My first two years at Brandeis were incredibly difficult. I hadn't found out that Brandeis was primarily a Jewish school until my decision to attend this University had been finalized. After arriving here, it was immediately apparent that I was different. It didn't shock me that I was different; after all, everyone is different. What shocked me was that a lot of people were similar, in a Jewish-American kind of way. Brandeis was such a big change from my international school back home which was smaller (45 people in my graduating class compared to 800 now), where everyone had been of different nationalities and had lived in at least three different countries and two

different continents. How was I supposed to relate to someone who had barely even been out of the state of Massachusetts? How was a Brandeis student supposed to understand where I was coming from?

I wanted people to ask me questions about Kenya. I wanted people to understand that there were such things as power cuts, potholes, and phone lines that never worked. I wanted to share about where I was coming from and how it shaped who I was and what I did. I missed my school where there had always been a constant exchange of culture. While debating whether or not to remain at Brandeis, many people advised me to not turn away but to use my presence here as an opportunity to make change. I complained that students were uptight, "Then teach them how to laugh!" directed my high school teacher. But hardly anyone even knows where Kenya is, I whined, "Then show them!" my high school counselor

commanded. "Show them what Africans are about," advised my friend's father. "Show them what you're about," said my father.

So I returned for junior year yearning for the opportunity to make a difference and leave an impression here at Brandeis, only realizing during the course of writing this speech (I admit), that my goals paralleled the objectives of the Wien Scholarship. So while I am granted access to education in one of the best institutions in the United States, I'm getting to do what I want to do, which is to teach people about other cultures. The Wien International Scholarship Program is "designed to further global understanding, provide international undergraduate students with opportunities for study in the United States, and enrich the intellectual and cultural life of the Brandeis campus." And as a Wien Scholar I take it upon myself to take part in this Wien vision, which coincides with my own.



Janet Akyuz Mattei '65



I admit I haven't done anything earth shattering, but the small things count too. I've tried to give people a truer picture of Kenya by explaining to them that we don't speak Kenyan or "that tongue clicking thing," but Swahili. I've shown people pictures of the Kenyan wildlife from the safaris I've been on and explained that lions do not roam through our backyards but are found in the savannah. People see that I finish all of the food on my plate because I come from a place well acquainted with hunger and starvation. I laugh loudly and freely (which literally makes some people jump) because it's no use constantly worrying about how others perceive you. I've even found myself recently passing on beliefs from my mother's tribe: such as when you sing while eating at the table it means you're going to be married by someone from a country

far away and when you bite your tongue, someone is speaking good of you.

But global understanding is a two-way affair. Being here at Brandeis has exposed me to so many new cultures and experiences that have left impressions on me. I've learnt about Kosher food and Kosher cops, and that falafel is quite tasty. I get to eat Korean rice cakes on a Saturday night when a fellow international student wanders down to my room and I get to eat challah when they are selling it in Usdan. And I realized that it is something I ate in Kenya, just under a different name. I've learned the basic steps of salsa and merengue. I know what a yarmulke symbolizes and that Brandeis itself is diverse and not 99.9% Jewish as people like to exaggerate. Being here has gotten me off of my high horse of thinking that as a student from overseas, I'm more eccentric and interesting. The truth is, every individual is international and from somewhere different



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depending on where they are. And I've realized that we all want someone to relate to and someone to be genuinely interested in where we're coming from and who we are.

As Wien Scholars, we are meant to "enrich the classrooms, inspire professors with our searching questions and our passion for learning, and provide a 'window on the world' for American students." But how often do we think of our role that way? Are we just itching to graduate early with our IB credits? Are we really only here because of the financial aid? Have you ever thought of yourself as the brightest and the best and having

the purpose of enriching, inspiring, and furthering the Brandeis campus? I'm hoping that this reception today reminds us all of the important role we play on this campus and worldwide. And I hope that next time someone asks us what brought us half across the world to Brandeis we won't say 'money,' because that's really only a mere 30% of the answer. But we'll also say "Global understanding and cultural enrichment brought me to Brandeis."

Thank you.

President Reinharz, Ph.D. '72, extended greetings and officially inducted Valya Kazes Shapiro '61 as a Fellow of the University in recognition of her leadership, dedication, and support of Brandeis. (See Fellows page 34.)

## Reunion 2003

### Attention Class of 1953

Come back to Brandeis to celebrate your 50th Reunion! You are invited to be special guests of the University at Commencement Weekend, May 16-18, 2003. Details will be coming soon. For

more information, visit your Reunion on the Web at: <http://alumni.brandeis.edu/web/reunions/2003/53/53.html>.

### Brandeis Reunion 2003

Brandeis University will be hosting Reunion Weekend June 20-22, 2003 for the Classes of 1958, 1963, 1968, 1973, 1978, 1983, 1988, 1993, and 1998. Join us

for Alumni College, Class Dinners and Receptions, the annual Ralph Norman Barbecue, and so much more! Details will be mailed soon. For more information, visit Reunion on the Web at: <http://alumni.brandeis.edu/web/reunions/2003>.

## Alumni Clubs

Contact any of the club leaders via the email addresses below, or call the Office of Development and Alumni Relations for information at 781-736-4100. Please contact the Gay/Lesbian/Bisexual/Transgender Alumni Network or the Minority Alumni Network directly to be included on their mailing lists.

### Club Leadership in Transition

Alumni Association President Paul Zlotoff '72 has appointed Linda Marks '62 as the new president for the Alumni Club of Northern California. Should any Northern California alumni be interested in helping with the club activities, please contact Linda at northcalifornia@alumni.brandeis.edu. Linda was personally recruited by classmate Susan Epstein Deutsch '62, who recently stepped down as the president of the Alumni Club of Westchester County. Taking the reins from Susan is Davida Shapiro Scher '69, who can be reached at westchester@alumni.brandeis.edu.

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#### Future Alumni of Brandeis

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### **Martin Boykan**

Irving Fine Professor of Music, had four works issued as a CD on the CRI label: *Flume* for clarinet and piano, *A Packet for Susan* for mezzo-soprano and piano, *Sonata for Violin and Piano*, and the First String Quartet reissued from an old LP. In addition, CRI is about to release a CD of violin music played by the distinguished violinist, Curt Macomber, that will include his *Sonata for Solo Violin*.

### **Peter Conrad**

Harry Coplan Professor of Social Sciences, is coeditor of *The Double-Edged Helix: Social Implications of Genetics in a Diverse Society* (Johns Hopkins University Press, 2002).

### **Stephen Gendzier**

associate professor emeritus of French and comparative literature, recently contributed an article, "The Corkscrew," to *Gastronomica*. He was also profiled in *Wine Spectator* for his passion of wine.

### **Michael T. Gilmore**

Paul Prosswimmer Professor of American Literature, is the author of a new book, *Surface and Depth: The Quest for Legibility in American Culture*, to be published by Oxford University Press in January 2003.

### **Robert Greenberg**

associate professor of philosophy, delivered an invited talk, "Kant and Analytic Philosophy: Kant and Kaplan on Quantifying In," to the Eastern Division of the American Philosophical Association.

### **Erica L. Harth**

professor of humanities and women's studies, gave a lecture on "Loyalty and Liberty in Critical Times: Civil Liberties and the Japanese American Internment," at the Chautauqua Institution in Chautauqua, New York, in July 2002.

### **Sherry Israel**

associate professor of Jewish communal service, Hornstein Program, is a member of the National Technical Advisory Committee and Publication Advisory Committee for the UJC National Jewish Population, and facilitator of the National Executive Retreat of the Union of American Hebrew Congregations. She also wrote a chapter, "Jewish Involvement in the American Public Square: The Organizational Disconnect," in *Jews and the American Public Square*, A. Mittleman, J. Sarna, R. Licht (eds) (Rowman and Littlefield, September 2002).

### **Adam B. Jaffe**

professor of economics, had his first book, *Patents, Citations and Innovations: a Window on the Knowledge Economy*, published by MIT Press. The book is joint work with Manuel Trajtenberg of Tel Aviv University.

### **Angela Perez Mejia**

assistant professor of Latin American literature, had her book, *La geografía de los tiempos difíciles: escritura de viajes a Sur América 1780-1849*, published by Universidad de Antioquia, Colombia, 2002.

### **David Rakowski**

professor of composition, had his composition, *Ten of a Kind* for clarinet section

and wind ensemble, selected as a finalist for the 2002 Pulitzer Prize in Music. *Locking Horns*, a concerto for horn and chamber orchestra, premiered at Alice Tully Hall, New York, with Daniel Grabois as the soloist.

### **Benjamin Ravid**

Jennie and Mayer Weisman Professor of Jewish History, delivered an invited lecture and chaired a session at the Adriatica Judaica conference held in Dubrovnik, August 2002. His article, "An Introduction to the Charters of the Jewish Merchants of Venice," appeared in *The Mediterranean and the Jews II: Society, Culture and Economy in Early Modern Times*. He also coedited a book, *The Jews of Early Modern Venice* (Johns Hopkins University Press, 2001).

### **Vardit Ringvald**

director of the Hebrew, Arabic, and Asian Languages Program and lecturer in Hebrew, became a member of the National Middle East Language Resource Center and gave a presentation about multicultural understanding at Harvard University. She attended the NAPH Conference in Israel and presented a paper; organized and led a successful workshop for Teaching Hebrew. She also has joined the Brandeis Advisory Committee.

### **Jonathan D. Sarna '75, M.A. '75**

Joseph H. and Belle R. Braun Professor of American Jewish History, delivered the 1992 Paley Lectures in American History at

the Hebrew University in Jerusalem on "The Emergence of American Judaism." A volume he coedited, *Jewish Polity and American Civil Society*, was published recently by Rowman and Littlefield.

### **Susan Shevitz**

associate professor of Jewish education and director, Hornstein Program (on the Summer Milender Family Foundation), chaired the program committee of the first joint conference of the North American and Israeli Networks for Research in Jewish Education, in Jerusalem and Haifa. She presented a paper, "New Roots in Old Soil: Innovations in Synagogue Life," and convened a consultation of leading researchers and practitioners involved in synagogue change projects held on campus.

### **Sabine von Mering**

assistant professor of German and assistant director of the Center for German and European Studies, and Sarah Halpern-Meekin '02 coedited *International Green Politics* (Brandeis University Publications), a volume of articles presented at an international conference held at Brandeis in cooperation with the Heinrich Böll Foundation last year.

### **Nadine Zanow**

assistant professor of studio art, took part in two exhibitions, *Award Winning Alumni 1995-2002: Dedalus, Guggenheim, and Starr* in the Sherman Gallery at Boston University and *Conversations in the Studio*, with Alfredo Gisholt at the Fort Point Art Center Gallery.

## A 2001-02 Report from the Executive Vice President and Chief Operating Officer

I am pleased to report that the University ended a challenging Fiscal 2002 on budget, with a positive operating result, and was able to close its books in record time using the newly implemented PeopleSoft financial management system. Given the decline in the financial markets, the University was fortunate to sustain only a slight decline in total net assets from \$506.9 million at June 30, 2001, to \$504.3 million. This amount includes reserves of approximately \$57 million that have been built up over the past several fiscal years.

As has been widely reported in the press, universities across the country, including some of the most prestigious and well endowed, are facing significant budget pressures as a result of the declining financial markets and the impact of that decline on endowment income available to support operations. Brandeis is certainly not immune from these circumstances. As was the case in Fiscal 2001, the University's endowment experienced a modest decline during this past fiscal year. Ending the year at approximately \$384.3 million, the endowment's total return was a negative 2.5 percent, substantially ahead of the median return of endowment funds. Although negative, relative

to the market as a whole and the broad universe of endowments, the University's performance was strong and placed it in the top quartile of endowment returns for Fiscal 2002.

As I noted in last year's report, much progress has been made over the past several years in reducing the historically high and unsustainable endowment draw rate. Nevertheless, the University's budget remains under pressure. Early in Fiscal 2002, recognizing that the weak financial markets would limit future available resources, the University reduced operating expenditures by \$2.6 million. This action has placed the University in a better position today to address the continuing weak economy, which persisted through the first quarter of Fiscal 2003 and continues to impact the operating budget. On a bright note, last year's total fundraising cash receipts of \$63.4 million constituted an all-time record, and strong progress in the Capital Campaign augurs well for Brandeis's long-term financial future.

I reported last year on several significant new initiatives and projects on the Brandeis campus. Some of those have been completed, progress continues on others, and additional new projects have commenced since my report last year.

The construction manager for the magnificent new Carl and Ruth Shapiro Campus Center is now completing items on the punchlist, while this new heart of the Brandeis campus is being fully utilized by the community. Student productions have begun in the Carl J. Shapiro Theater, student clubs and organizations are at work in their new offices, a range of special events and activities are taking place in the many function rooms in the building, and students are taking advantage of the new quiet- and group-study spaces in the Carl J. Shapiro Library.

Construction of the new undergraduate residence hall is proceeding on schedule. This important project, located along South Street between the Slosberg Music Center and the Ridgewood and Ziv residence quads, will provide 220 new beds for juniors and seniors and will allow the University to move significantly closer to its goal of fully meeting undergraduate demand for on-campus housing. This \$20.9 million project is one of the University's highest priorities and is an integral part of the Capital Campaign. Approximately \$11 million has been raised to-date, and fundraising is ongoing.

Sitework for the new building began in June. Formwork for the building's foundations, which began in October, is continuing. Steel for the new building should be in place by the end of January, and occupancy of the building is scheduled for the start of the fall '03 semester. You can follow construction progress via the project Webcam, which can be accessed at [www.brandeis.edu/reshall/webcam.html](http://www.brandeis.edu/reshall/webcam.html).

In October, the University broke ground for the Lemberg Academic Center, an addition to the Sachar International Center, which will significantly add to the academic, administrative, and common space of the Graduate School of International Economics and Finance (GSIEF). The actual start of construction on this new facility took place at the beginning of September, and foundation work is ongoing. The \$8 million cost of the new GSIEF Lemberg Academic Center is almost entirely gift-funded. Occupancy of the Center is scheduled during the fall '03 semester.

I look forward to reporting to you in the future on the University's success in dealing with the challenges we face and the opportunities that lie ahead.

Peter B. French  
Executive Vice President  
and Chief Operating Officer



## Brandeis University Financial Highlights

Years Ending June 30	2002	2001	2000
Total Unrestricted Revenues	\$190,468,211	\$186,617,118	\$178,013,695
Total Unrestricted Expenses <sup>(A)</sup>	185,522,449	175,932,405	165,136,928
<b>Principal sources of unrestricted revenue</b>			
Net tuition, fees, and auxiliary enterprises	81,187,027	78,904,738	75,757,005
Contributions	7,850,477	9,938,721	7,345,433
Sponsored programs, grants, and contracts	44,839,833	46,735,300	43,973,698
Net assets released from restrictions	45,191,046	41,691,329	32,732,600
<b>Principal uses of unrestricted expenses</b>			
Educational and general	157,918,394	151,855,982	143,846,049
Auxiliary enterprises	22,689,082	22,876,302	20,454,857
<b>Pooled Endowment Funds</b>			
Book value	360,175,808	355,433,443	350,547,565
Market value	361,352,081	371,693,618	378,586,443
University Debt	115,208,957	115,388,870	115,599,200
University Assets	678,533,487	676,978,308	675,050,748
University Liabilities	174,220,984	170,013,170	167,077,582
<b>University Net Assets</b>			
Unrestricted	62,901,857	57,956,095	47,271,382
Temporarily Restricted	131,628,692	160,168,320	200,623,011
Permanently Restricted	309,781,954	288,840,723	260,078,773

<sup>(A)</sup> Operating expenses before extraordinary items.

# Brandeis

## Class Notes

Information submitted to Class Notes will appear no sooner than six months after its receipt by the Office of Development and Alumni Relations. Due to space limitations, we may be unable to print lists of classmates who attend each other's weddings or other functions. News of marriages and births are included in separate listings by class. Factual verification of every class note is not possible. If an inaccurate submission is published, the *Brandeis Review* will correct any errors in the next possible issue, but must disclaim responsibility for any damage or loss.

### '52

June Goldman, Class Correspondent, 15 Preston Beach Road, Marblehead, MA 01945 1952notes@alumni.brandeis.edu

**Diane Laskin Siegal**, coauthor of *The New Ourselves, Growing Older*, led the 40th reunion class at Wheaton College in a discussion of "Facing Our Older Years" on May 18, 2002. The college gave a copy of her book to each returning alumna from the class of 1962. **Gus Ranis** and his wife, **Rachel Finkelstein Ranis**, '56 hosted a New-Student Send-Off for incoming Brandeis students at their home in Woodbridge, CT, on August 4, 2002.

### '53

**50th Reunion May 16-18, 2003**  
Abraham Heller, Class Correspondent, 1400 Runnymede Road, Dayton, OH 45419 1953notes@alumni.brandeis.edu

The Class of 1953 will be celebrating its 50th Reunion during Commencement Weekend, May 16-18, 2003. Make plans now to be back on the Brandeis campus for this exciting event. More information will be coming soon!

### '54

William Marsh, Class Correspondent, 1324 North Lynnbrook Drive, Arlington, VA 22201 1954notes@alumni.brandeis.edu

This begins a countdown for the 50th Reunion of the Class of 1954, scheduled to take place May 21-23, 2004, as part of Commencement Weekend. Note that the new Class Correspondent is **Bill Marsh**, who accepts

the baton from classmate **Sydney Rose Abend**. Thanks, Sydney, for helping keep the class together and informed all these years. Bill is a retired journalist, having worked in Europe for more than 35 years, and asks that classmates contact him with contributions for this column. **Sonia Faigen Le Tourneau**, mother of four (including twins) and living in West Australia, is conducting a string orchestra and workshops for strings, pianos, and wind instruments. Sonia has also taught string ensemble and chamber music in Europe and Asia. **Richard S. Smith** is on a three-year appointment as a member of the board of directors for the Green Mountain Cultural Center in Vermont. Richard (may we still call you Dick?), now a grandfather of two, retains his youth at age 70 with white-water canoeing, glider flights, and mountain hiking.

### '55

Judith Paull Aronson, Class Correspondent, 838 N. Doheny Drive, #906, Los Angeles, CA 90069 1955notes@alumni.brandeis.edu

I would like to send congratulations to the Class of 1952 on the occasion of their 50th Reunion in May 2002. The Class of 1955 has always admired the creativity and outstanding achievement of Brandeis's first graduating class. You set a standard that we have attempted to replicate and uphold. Your deeds have made us forever great. To the Class of '55—Send us your news and let us know how you are!

### '56

Leona Feldman Curhan, Class Correspondent, 366 River Road, Carlisle, MA 01741 1956notes@alumni.brandeis.edu

**Rachel Finkelstein Ranis**, and her husband, **Gus Ranis**, '52, hosted a New Student Send-Off for incoming Brandeis students at their home in Woodbridge, CT, on August 4, 2002.

### '57

Wynne Wolkenberg Miller, Class Correspondent, 14 Larkspur Road, Waban, MA 02468 1957notes@alumni.brandeis.edu

**Stuart Cook**, president of the University of Medicine and Dentistry of New Jersey, spoke at an Alumni Club of New York City Allied Health Professionals Network event on September 24, 2002.

### '58

**45th Reunion June 20-22, 2003**  
Judith Brecher Borakove, Class Correspondent, 10 East End Avenue, #2-F, New York, NY 10021 1958notes@alumni.brandeis.edu

**Annette Liberman Miller** (M.F.A. '76, theater arts) performed in the one-woman play, *Golda's Balcony*, the story of the State of Israel and the Arab-Israeli conflict and former Prime Minister Golda Meir. The play ran through the summer of 2002 at the Shakespeare & Company Spring Lawn Theater in Lenox, MA. Annette performed for Brandeis Fellows at a gathering in the Berkshires in July 2002, and she and her husband, Michael, also hosted a reception at their newly renovated home in Lenox.

### '59

Sunny Sunshine Brownrout, Class Correspondent, 87 Old Hill Road, Westport, CT 06880 1959notes@alumni.brandeis.edu

**Letty Cottin Pogrebin** wrote her first novel, published in October 2002 (Farrar, Straus & Giroux), *Three Daughters*, after eight books of nonfiction. She has just completed serving four years as president of the Authors Guild, and remains president of the Authors Registry. She was inducted into the Honor Roll of the Veteran Feminists of America, and received the Woman Who Made a Difference Award, given jointly by the American Jewish Congress and the Israel Women's Network. She and her husband, Bert, have six grandchildren. **Gabrielle Rossmier** is an accomplished sculptor whose work is exhibited at museums

including the DeCordova Museum in Lincoln, MA. She investigates issues of family, history, and individual collective memory. She uses her sculpture to reflect the loss of her extended family in the Holocaust. Her work was featured in *Spirits in the Trees*, an outdoor exhibition of site-specific sculpture, from June through September 2002, at the Forest Hills Cemetery in Boston.

### '60

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### '61

Judith Leavitt Schatz, Class Correspondent, 139 Cumberland Road, Leominster, MA 01453 1961notes@alumni.brandeis.edu

Brenda Dolgin Spangler writes, "We moved to Montana ostensibly to retire, go fishing, and write murder mysteries, but found that was not to be our future. Since 1996 I have been a research associate professor in the Department of Chemistry and Biochemistry at Montana State University, Bozeman, and have taught biochemistry as well as a lab-lecture course in molecular biology and protein chemistry ever since. As an outgrowth of the course, I have written *Methods in Molecular Biology and Protein Chemistry* (John Wiley & Sons). Personally, Charley and I courted [while I was] at Brandeis, married after graduation, and were married 41 years in August 2002. We have two sons, Dave and Dan, and thanks to Dan we are the proud grandparents of twins. Autumn and Lake, 4 years old and potential Brandeis students, I hope! And we actually do fish Yellowstone Park waters, the Yellowstone River and wherever else we can find time to go. The murder mystery, on the other hand, has only one chapter written so far." **Arthur Barry C. Orache**'s general income tax law practice has segued

into a subspecialty involving only charities and nonprofits with a "dollop" of Aboriginal law. In the past year he has delivered papers in South Africa, Australia, and London on nonprofit law. **Herbert Schimmel** hosted a get-together at his home in Sarasota, FL, for the Alumni Club of West Coast Florida in July 2002. **Beth Linder Weisberg** hosted a New-Student Send-Off for incoming Brandeis students at her home in Seattle on August 13, 2002.

### '62

Ann Leder Sharon, Class Correspondent, 13890 Ravenwood Drive, Saratoga, CA 95070 1962notes@alumni.brandeis.edu

**Linda Marks** is the new president of the Alumni Club of Northern California, recruited by her Brandeis roommate, **Susan Epstein Deutsch**, former president of the Alumni Club of Westchester County.

### '63

**40th Reunion June 20-22, 2003**  
Miriam Osler Hyman, Class Correspondent, 140 East 72nd Street, #16B, New York, NY 10021 1963notes@alumni.brandeis.edu

**Rita B. Ettros**, professor, Department of Pathology and Laboratory Medicine at the University of California at Los Angeles, was appointed to the Elizabeth and Thomas Plott Chair in Gerontology. This endowed chair has a five-year term, and its recipient conducts research and educational activities related to aging and longevity in the fields of molecular biology, neuroscience, and immunology. **Linda Russack Tobin** works for the American Jewish Joint Distribution Committee in New York City as the desk director for Africa and Asia and is also director of the Jewish Service Corps Volunteer Program. She writes, "I have relocated to Manhattan, but still feel the pull to home in Cleveland." She would love to hear from Brandeis friends and can be reached at lindia00@aol.com. Her other contact information



can be found online in Louie-Net. After nearly four decades, **Selwyn King Troen** returned to Brandeis in the fall of 2002 to inaugurate the Stoll Chair in Israel Studies. He writes, "My permanent position is as the Lopin Professor of Modern History at Ben-Gurion University in Beer-Sheva, Israel. I am the founding editor of *Israel Studies* and my most recent book is *Divergent Jewish Cultures: Israel and America* (Yale, 2001), which I coedited."

## '64

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**Alan Katz** hosted a New-Student Send-Off for incoming Brandeis students at his home in Scarsdale, NY, for the Alumni Club of Westchester County. Alan is a Brandeis parent of **Dren Barouch '03** and **Jessica Barouch-Katz '06**. **Abbe Steinglass** cochaired an Alumni Club of New York City Visual Arts Network event at Brandeis House on September 26, 2002. **Marya Randall Levenson** is the Harry S. Levitan Director of Teacher Education and professor of the practice of education at Brandeis University. On September 24, 2002, she spoke with students about her career at a Future Alumni of Brandeis event.

## '65

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**Anne C. Bernstein** returned to the stage after three decades, appearing in El Teatro Campesino's production of Luis Valdez's new play, *The Mummified Deer*. **Albert Shar** is vice president for information technology at the Robert Wood Johnson Foundation in Princeton, NJ. The foundation is the largest

U.S. foundation devoted to improving the health and health care of all Americans. **Marilyn Shulman Faust** was honored by the American Cancer Society's 2002 gala for her volunteer work. She has also lectured on offshore asset protection trusts at the International Academy for Matrimonial Attorneys' convention in South Carolina in April 2002. Marilyn and her husband appeared as extras in the 2002 season finale of the television program *NYPD Blue*.

## '66

**35th Reunion  
June 8-10, 2001**  
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**Michael Ratner**, president, Center for Constitutional Rights, spoke to members of the Alumni Club of New York City Young Lawyers Network at an event at Brandeis House on September 18, 2002.

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## '68

**35th Reunion  
June 20-22, 2003**  
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**Peter Gidal's** films *Key*, *Focus*, and *Hall* were shown in May 2002 at Tate Modern's London Film Co-op 1966-76 "Shoot Shoot Shoot," which is travelling worldwide for three years. His essay on Beckett and Art (1973) was printed in *Beckett Today/Aujourd'hui*. Peter is back in London after filming on a volcano in Hawaii. **David Tierney** hosted a New-Student Send-Off for incoming Brandeis students at his home in Phoenix for the Alumni Club of Arizona on August 11, 2002.

## '69

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**Louise Oppenheimer Flax** writes, "As an educator (I teach high school art/photography) I was sent to Japan for three weeks by the Fulbright Memorial Fund in the summer of 2001." In the fall of 2001 Louise received a grant from the Connecticut Educational Media Association (CEMA) for students to do research about photographers and take pictures of their town. In the spring of 2002 she received the Norwalk Education Foundation grant and a Fund for Excellence mini-grant.

## '70

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**Janet M. Corpus** is assistant to the bishop at the Southeastern Pennsylvania Synod Evangelical Lutheran Church in America in Norristown, PA. Prior to this, she worked at the Lutheran Theological Seminary at Philadelphia. Janet has authored numerous articles and church resources on spiritual and religious themes.

## '71

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**Michael and Margo Hausdorff Vale** were proud to attend the graduation of their son, Eddie, from the University of Massachusetts

at Amherst. They are thrilled that he is now in law school. **Jackie Hyman**, a former Associated Press reporter who writes romance novels as **Jaqueline Diamond**, was nominated for a Career Achievement Award by *Romantic Times* magazine. Jackie is also a finalist in the Booksellers Best competition. In December, Harlequin will publish two of her books in one volume: *Cindy and the Fella* and *Calling All Glass Slippers*. In March 2003, Harlequin will issue Jackie's book, *Diagnosis: Expecting Boss's Baby*. She has published more than 60 novels. **Alain Rook** is professor of dermatology and director of the cutaneous lymphoma program at University of Pennsylvania. It seems to be a family affair at Penn, as his wife also works at the university and his daughter is a student. He has another daughter who is still in high school.

## '72

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**Mark Efron** is vice president, live news programming, for MSNBC. Mark is responsible for all breaking news coverage 24/7, all scheduled live weekday programming, live programming on weekends, all *Newsforce* anchors and contributors, plus the management of the department known as *Newsforce*. He is married with two children.

## '73

**30th Reunion  
June 20-22, 2003**  
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The Class of 1973 will be celebrating its 30th Reunion June 20-22, 2003. Make plans now to be back on the Brandeis campus for this exciting event. More information will be coming soon!



**Dwight Dickerson**



**Dan Kazzaz**

## '74

**Susan Goldberg Benjamin**,  
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**Dwight Dickerson** left his job as an attorney and executive director of the Legal Aid Society of Alameda County to become the executive director of Oakland Community Housing, a nonprofit builder of affordable housing. He's in charge of a 70-person staff, 800 units of existing housing, and is developing several more major projects including houses for first-time homebuyers. Learn more at [www.ochi.org](http://www.ochi.org). Dwight and his wife, Kathy (also a lawyer, now an entrepreneur), have two lovely daughters. **Darlene Green Kamine** received this year's annual Outstanding Achievement Award from the Cincinnati Women's Political Caucus for her work on behalf of children in the juvenile justice system. Darlene is a former juvenile court magistrate, as well as the founder of ProKids, a group that provides representation for abused, neglected, and dependent children who are under court jurisdiction. Darlene, currently an attorney in

private practice, is a former president of the Junior League of Cincinnati and has held other leadership positions too numerous to mention here. **Chuck Kamine**, Darlene's husband, is also an attorney in private practice, specializing in estates and real estate. He chairs the Grievance Committee of the Cincinnati Bar Association and was recently reelected to the Amberley Village Council. He is finishing his term as treasurer of his congregation, which included handling the recent campaign to build a new synagogue. Together Darlene and Chuck are the Brandeis Alumni Admissions Council chairs and the copresidents of the Brandeis Alumni Club of Cincinnati. Their daughter, Elida '03 is cochair of the Future Alumni of Brandeis (FAB)—so all three of them are on the Alumni Association board of directors together! **Dan Kazzaz** lives in Bethesda, MD, with his wife, Audrey Corson, M.D., and their three teenagers. All those hours he spent in Feldberg Computer Center finally paid off! Dan founded a computer software business called PaperFree Systems in 1984 and sold it in early 2000. He is currently spending time with his children, starting a new synagogue, and consulting to hospitals and insurance companies on HIPAA-related activities. While watching *An American Experience: A Brilliant Madness* (a documentary on PBS about John Nash), I was very aware of the background music and how perfectly it enhanced the story. It turns out that the composer was our very talented classmate, **Tom Phillips** (formerly Thomas Philip Rosenberg)! Other works of Tom's that you may

# Births and Adoptions

Class	Brandeis Parent(s)	Child's Name	Date
1980	Michael Kahn	Adam Jason	June 9, 2002
1985	Carolyn Altman	Henry Gil S	April 26, 2002
	Nancy Kaufman Cohen	Gabriel	January 24, 2002
	Stacy Laveson Friedman	Eli	January 24, 2002
	Lee A. Surkin	Julianne Rosalie and Jenevieve Danielle	August 3, 2001
	Karen Beth Wasserman	Henry Micah	September 26, 2001
1986	Shari Claire	Joshua Paul and Rebecca Mollie	September 26, 2001
	Reichenberg Cohen	Jason Ari	April 29, 2002
1987	Jeffrey Stelman	Annabelle	June 21, 2002
	Steven Roses	Darcy Erica	March 16, 2002
	Todd Schleifstein	Kyle Matthew	August 20, 2002
1988	Christine Tomasello Gallagher	Alessandra Claire	June 19, 2002
	Julie Berkowitz Maresca	Eliza Anne	August 8, 2001
	Suzanne Feldstein Frankel and Roger Frankel	David Michael	April 22, 2002
	Jack Lenenberg	Camille Josephine	April 10, 2002
	Robert Mogel	Olivia Sydney	July 6, 2002
1989	Rachel Epstein Schapiro	Esther Chana	August 25, 2001
	Michael Katz	Alexandra Eden	February 14, 2002
	Jennifer Pamela Sacon	Eli and Tzachi	April 2, 2002
1990	Richelle Bud Caplan	Benjamin Tyler	June 11, 2002
	Judy Cashman Magram	Alexander	February 20, 2001
	Monique Mayes	Noah	September 9, 1999
	Ymke Mulder	Tom Henrik Holtort	August 6, 2001
	Eric Weinstock	Zachary Dylan	May 1, 2002
1991	Jennifer Brenner Ash and Ronald Ash	Samuel Louis	September 6, 2001
	Jodi Golinsky and Ben Kessler	Anna Golinsky	April 12, 2002
	Suzanne Reindorf Dropkin and Joseph Dropkin '93	Eliana Arielle	February 22, 2002
	Joshua S. Pemstein	Shira Celia	August 9, 2002
	Shari L. Soloway	Melissa Gabrielle	March 6, 2002
1992	Roxanne Alarcon Martinez	Jamie Madeline	July 13, 2001
	Heather Altman	Sydney	December 7, 2001
	Gregory Bland	Noah Jacob	July 17, 2002
	Derek Cohen	Liam Alexander	May 6, 2002
	Caren Gever Kirschner and Brian Kirschner	Nathan Michael	October 19, 2001
	Adrian Harris Forman and Frank Forman	Aaron	November 6, 2001
	Stephanie Miller Hofman	Joseph Levi	October 10, 2001
	Jennifer Neal Hollman and Eugene Hollman	Emily Mae	May 2, 2002
	Elena Silberman Scott	Andrew Jason	March 18, 2002
	Karen Straus Garelik and Matthew Garelik	Jeremy Ross	May 12, 2002
	Amanda Trigg	Owen Harris	February 6, 2002
1993	Sharon Drukman Cohen and Marc A. Cohen '92	Jordan Kurt	January 19, 2002
	Laura Duman Yarris	Olivia	April 9, 2001
	Emily Eng Kaplan	Jacob	March 31, 1999
	Karen Beth Farkas Cohen	Theodore Jacob	March 15, 2002
	Ellie Kay Garfinkle and Jack Gartinkle	Shoshana Miriam	November 9, 2000
	Tabitha Ovanes Karch	Jared Mitchell	May 5, 2001
	Michelle Yellowitz	Ryan	February 26, 2002
	Sharon Kahn Bernstein and Larry Bernstein '91	Amanda	December 2, 1999
	Alison Siegel Tothy	Max Nathan	January 28, 2002
1994	Ethan N. Goldstein	Jeremy Noah	May 1, 2002
	Sarah Ita Kohli Meretsky	Jason Morris	July 17, 2002
1996	Sara Gyenes Dauber and Johnathan Dauber	Benjamin Ira	May 4, 2002
1997	Mara Gustman and Robert Sherman	Menachem Mendel	April 6, 2002
1998		Joshua	July 21, 2002
		Jacob Ross	August 25, 2002



David Urbach

have heard are on the *The Antiques Roadshow*, *Eleanor Roosevelt*, *Hoover Dam*, *Mr. Miami Beach*, *The Fisk Jubilee Singers*, *Lost in the Grand Canyon*, at least 50 NOVA programs, and scores of other programs on PBS. Discovery Channel, AMC, HBO, A&C, and CBS. Tom was nominated this year for a New England Emmy for *Limerock Park: The Secret Valley of Racing*. His most recent project is *An American Experience: The Pill*. **Laurie Slater Albert** has been named the new president of the Brandeis Alumni Club of Southern California. Congratulations! She also hosted a New-Student Send-Off for incoming Brandeis students at her home in Malibu in August 2002. Laurie and her husband, Steve (an architect), have three children, two of whom are in college. **David Urbach** is a cardiologist in Falmouth, MA, as well as medical director of Falmouth Hospital. Dave also has two passions: golf and music. He's a keyboardist in a band called the "Med Hedz," which has a rather large following. The band consists of five people in the medical profession, and they perform at about six benefits a year on the Cape. For example, several years ago, the band raised money to benefit two children who were orphaned after a car accident on the Cape. Married since 1974 to his high school sweetheart, Zipora, Dave has three children (a senior at Barnard, a freshman at Brandeis, and a freshman in high school). **Bob Creo** started a new business, NurseLocate International LLC, to recruit nurses in Central and Eastern Europe to immigrate to the United States. **Todd Miller** wrote me around Passover 2002 to say, "The Brandeis '74 crowd here in Israel is hanging in there—most

either have children in the army or soon to be in the army. But then again the madness is happening everywhere. But not to worry! I am optimistic." Todd has been an independent business consultant since the late 1980s (having survived life as the CFO of two start-ups during that high-tech washout). He has worked on major business projects for Israeli and international investment groups (M&A, capital raising, and management advisory work) in Israel, Europe, and the United States. He and his wife (who has translated more than 40 books into Hebrew) and their two boys (the oldest still a couple of years away from army age) live in a lovely Tel-Aviv suburb. Todd surprisingly says that, overall, their lives in Israel are not appreciably different than those of the average suburban career family in the United States. Todd reports that **Sam Cohen** lives in Herzliya, Israel, and consults for a firm that specializes in international agricultural projects. Sam was Israel's international trade negotiator for agriculture for many years. He and his wife have three sons; this summer, one will finish his army service, one will start, and one will continue on as an intelligence officer! The ex-soldier will come to the United States as a counselor for Young Judea. As to the political situation, Sam says, "We overcame Pharaoh—Arafat too will pass." Todd also got an update for us from **Stewart Cohen** (who started with our class but technically finished in 1975, due to a long stint in Israel as a volunteer during the 1973 Yom Kippur War). Stew has worked for the past 10 years as an attorney for a large, government-owned organization. He and his wife (a physical therapist) live in Hod HaSharon (a bedroom community to Tel-Aviv) with their three children. His oldest child is simultaneously preparing for (1) conscription into the Israeli Army and (2) his driver's license exam. Stew notes that he is not sure which of those—army or driving—are the more worrisome.



Kevin Smith '75 congratulates Jorge Santana '04 at the 25th anniversary Jobs For Youth graduation ceremony

'75

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**Thomas L. Friedman**, foreign affairs columnist for *The New York Times*, received the Dr. Bernard Heller Prize at Hebrew Union College—Jewish Institute of Religion's commencement in May 2002. The prize is an international award presented annually to an individual or organization whose work, writings, or research reflects the values and commitment to the betterment of humanity. Tom also won his third Pulitzer Prize in May 2002 for his "clarity of vision, based on extensive reporting, in commenting on the worldwide impact of the terrorist threat." **Larry and Margie Rachelson Samuels** hosted the seventh annual Ruth '63 and Fred Friedman Memorial Barbecue for incoming Brandeis students at their home in West Caldwell, NJ, for the Alumni Club of Northern New Jersey on August 18, 2002. **Kevin F. Smith** is on the board of directors for Jobs For Youth (JFY), a Boston agency with services ranging from GED classes for youth and adults to computerized MCAS classes offered in high schools to specialized job skill training for the environmental technology and financial services industries. Kevin was happy to congratulate fellow Brandeisian **Jorge Santana '04**, who was presented the JFY Career Advancement Award at



the 25th anniversary JFY graduation in June 2002. **Jeffrey Young** is the superintendent of Newton Public Schools in Massachusetts. He gave a keynote address at World of Education and Public Service, a Future Alumni of Brandeis event, held on September 24, 2002.

## '76

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Hello fellow '76-ers. I trust you all enjoyed your summers and have gotten into your fall/winter routine. This year, how about telling your curious classmates what's going on in your life? I know that Class Notes is the first place many of us turn to in the *Brandeis Review*, so give us all something to read about—you! As for my own update, I have been named senior content director for IBS, a company that owns, operates, and staffs Websites for more than 50 TV newsrooms around the United States. Our corporate site can give you details: [www.ibsny.com](http://www.ibsny.com). **Donna E. Arzt**, who has taught public international law at Syracuse University since 1988, was named the first holder of the Bond, Schoenck & King Distinguished Professorship at Syracuse University College of Law. She is writing a book about the Lockerbie criminal trial, which she followed closely as director of the Lockerbie Trial: Families Project, a password-protected Website created for the Pan Am 103 victim families under a Department of Justice grant. **Michael Bogdanow** is very pleased to announce the opening of a new Website, [www.michaelbogdanow.com](http://www.michaelbogdanow.com), where people can view and purchase his limited edition reproductions and cards, as well as obtain information about purchasing original paintings, commissioning paintings and licensing the rights to images.

## '77

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**Taraneh Benaresh** moved back to the New York area. She lives on Long Island and has a computer consulting business in Manhattan. She would love to hear from all her friends and classmates.

**Jeffrey M. Chebot** has been married for 20 years to Gerri Goldman and has two children, Adam Seth Chebot-Goldman (15) and Ethan Lev Chebot-Goldman (13). He has been a partner of the law firm of Whiteman, Bakes & Chebot, LLC, since 1992. He concentrates in representing clients in the produce supply industry and nonprofit associations of businesses.

**Eric Friedberg**, computer crimes consultant at Stroz Associates, LLC, spoke to the Alumni Club of New York City Young Lawyers Network at an event at Brandeis House on September 18, 2002.

**Kenneth Winter** and his wife, **Eileen Schnall Winter '78**, hosted a New-Student Send-Off for incoming Brandeis students at their home in Cherry Hill, NJ, for the Alumni Clubs of Philadelphia and Southern New Jersey on August 12, 2001. **Eva Zang** has been running her own consulting business, Education by Design, in the Washington, D.C., area for the past seven years. She was married to James Tkatch, a professional photographer, in September 2000 and is enjoying managing both businesses, and travelling extensively. Eva is also writing a book, *Familiarity Breeds Success: Building a Foundation for Individual and Organizational Excellence*, which will be published in 2003.

## '78

**25th Reunion**  
**June 19-22, 2003**

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Congratulations go out to **Marta Kauffman** cocreator with **David Crane '79** of the sitcom *Friends*, which, in its ninth season, won the award for Best Comedy Series at the 54th annual Emmy Awards on September 22, 2002. Marta is also Gift

Committee chair for the Class of '78's 25th Reunion on June 19-22, 2003. Mark your calendars and save the date to come back to campus and reconnect with old friends! **Eileen Schnall Winter** and her husband, **Kenneth Winter '77**, hosted a New-Student Send-Off for incoming Brandeis students at their home in Cherry Hill, NJ, for the Alumni Clubs of Philadelphia and Southern New Jersey on August 12, 2001.

## '79

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**Mitchell H. Caplan** was elected president and chief operating officer of E\*TRADE Group, Inc. In this role, he has management responsibility for the company's key divisions, focusing on meeting the lifetime financial needs of its customer households and various market segments. Congratulations go out to **David Crane**, cocreator with **Marta Kauffman '78** of the television series, *Friends*, which won the award for Best Comedy Series at the 54th Annual Emmy Awards on September 22, 2002. **Arlen W. Gelbard** was elected chief banking officer and president, E\*TRADE Bank, a federally chartered savings bank. In this role, Arlen oversees the company's global banking operations including all deposit and lending products. **Dan Jick** and his wife, **Elizabeth Etra Jick '81**, hosted a New-Student Send-Off for incoming Brandeis students at their home in Chestnut Hill, MA, for the Alumni Club of Greater Boston on August 6, 2002. **David Lichter** hosted a New-Student Send-Off at his home in Miami for the Alumni Club of South Florida on July 28, 2002.

## '80

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## '81

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**Deborah Bernstein** writes, "I am living and working in Warwick, NY, also known as Apple Valley. It is a lovely community about an hour north of New York City. My husband, Bob McGrath, and I are clinical psychologists. Our daughter, Megan, is 11, and our son, Brian, is 8. I have a private practice here in our village. Having discovered the love of mud, I have become a potter, and my wheel-thrown stoneware

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# Marriages and Unions

Class	Name	Date
1987	Lisa Averch to Stuart Kessler	May 19, 2002
1988	Laurence Groffman to Melissa Korn	April 21, 2002
1989	Rachel Epstein to Danny Schapiro	June 5, 1999
1990	Ymke Mulder to Cornelius J. Holtorf	January 3, 2001
1992	Roxanne Alarcon to Michael Martinez Jennifer Dorsay to David Love	May 21, 1999 October 7, 2001
1994	Rachel Molly Loonin to Joshua Ross Steinerman Taube Lubart to Guatam Vallabha Carolyn Weisel to David Miller	December 9, 2001 February 2, 2002 February 17, 2002
1995	Erica Michals to Scott Silverman Nancy Rosenbaum to Todd Lefkowitz Heather Swidler to William Gelardi, Jr.	May 4, 2002 June 24, 2001 June 22, 2002
1996	Allison Sherwal to Michael Schullz	September 2, 2001
1998	Bonnie M. Berella to Jeb E.B. Chard Jason Dell to Danielle Christine Costa Laura Gingiss to Steven A. Wander '97 Robin Kassner to Douglas Cohen Randi Najarian to Eric Kaplan '97 Daniella Rubin to Jonathan Rich Simon Arlene Zizmore to Jay Shiner	January 12, 2002 June 1, 2002 October 13, 2001 May 19, 2002 May 25, 2002 May 4, 2002 May 5, 2002
1999	Anna Margulis to Alexander Fitzsimmons '02	August 25, 2002
2000	Tamara Beliak to Zeev Neumeir	August 19, 2002
Grad	Brenna Pradell '98 (M.M., Heller) to Jerry C. Boyd	June 2, 2001



Robin Kassner Cohen '98

is on exhibit in a local gallery. The 20th Reunion was the first Reunion that I attended. My reaction to my own personal tragedies during my twenties (the loss of my beloved **Ron Sandler** and the death of my brother, Steven) made it difficult for me to face that kind of event for a long time. I enjoyed seeing old friends very much and I'm looking forward to our 25th. I wish my classmates health and happiness." Deborah also wrote a self-published cookbook, *The Ugly Snuggly*, which is sold at the bookstore in Warwick. **Sol Bernstein** joined the law firm Zeichner Ellman & Krause LLP, as a partner in May 2002. **Elizabeth Elra Jick** and her husband, **Dan Jick '79** hosted a New-Student Send-Off for incoming Brandeis students at their home in Chestnut Hill, MA, for the Alumni Club of Greater Boston on August 6, 2002.

## '82

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**Adrienne Iris Berger** writes, "I made Aliyah to Israel and lived in Jerusalem for eight years, working as the public relations manager at the Jerusalem Hilton Hotel and also a translator for former Jerusalem mayor Teddy Kollek. I was forced to return to the United States due to family illness, but hope one day to return to live in the most beautiful city in the world (no, not Waltham, but Jerusalem; don't believe everything you read in the headlines!) Since returning to Philadelphia, I have worked as a social history interviewer for Steven Spielberg's Survivors of the Shoah Visual History Foundation, as well as for the Theater Alliance of Greater Philadelphia and the Israel Aliyah Center. I am active in the arts world (as a patron,

critic, and volunteer, but not as a performer, yet!), especially in theater and international film. I live in Center City Philadelphia, and I'm still single but looking (any offers?). I would love to hear from Brandeis buddies (or future friends!)—email me at gingit5@yahoo.com." **Caryn Gilbert** cochaired an event for the Alumni Club of New York City Visual Arts Network at Brandeis House on September 26, 2002. **Linda Scherzer**, senior partner, Scherzer, Dubin & Associates, and former Middle East correspondent for CNN and Israel Television, spoke to members of the Young Lawyers and Media Networks of the Alumni Club of New York City at a Brandeis House event in July 2002.

## '83

**20th Reunion**  
**June 20-22, 2003**  
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**Michael Socarras** is an international litigation partner in the law firm of Greenberg Traurig LLP in Washington, D.C. He and his wife, Lisa, have four children under 12 and they live in Annandale, VA, where Michael is active in the Fairfax County Republican Committee. **Alan Handel** purchased a home in Millis, MA, and is project manager and computer programmer for Sterling Autobody, a 45-store chain of collision repair shops and a subsidiary of Allstate Non-insurance Holdings. We congratulate **Scott A. Travers**, president of Scott Travers Rare Coin Galleries, Inc. in New York City, on being recognized by the Numismatic Literary Guild with its highest honor, a Clemmy Award. Scott made the *New York Daily News* and the *New York Post* when he put into circulation a \$500 penny to promote the anniversary convention of the American Numismatic Association in New York City. New editions of two of his books, *One Minute Coin Expert* and *How to Make Money in Coins Right Now* were published by Random House and his price guide, *The Insider's Guide to U.S. Coin Values 2002*, was cited by the Congressional

record for its research on mintage figures. Scott wrote the foreword to *The New York Times Guide to Coin Collecting*. His Website was named "Best Mass Market Website" for its Internet adaptation of the *One-Minute Coin Expert*. Write in guys! We know you flip right to this section first so kick off the news with some of your own! And plan to come back to campus for the big 2-0(!) Reunion in June 2003. C'mon, you know you're curious...

## '84

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**Robert Barsky** is the Bicentennial Canadian Studies Professor at Yale University for 2002. **Dan Kirshner** married **Betsy Portnov Kirshner '89** in October 2001. Several Brandeis alumni attended including Dan's brother **Eli Kirshner '83**, Dan's sister **Ruth Kirshner '88**, **Ellen Seidman '89**, **Lyla Naseem '90**, **Lauren Veil Resnikoff '89**, and **Michael Resnikoff '88**. They honeymooned in Costa Rica and live in East Brunswick, NJ, where Dan practices patent and trademark law. **Douglas Monasebian** is the chair of the Alumni Club of New York City Allied Health Professionals Network.

## '85

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**Angel Bonilla** was a coach at the International Baseball Federation's (IBAF) World Children's Baseball Fair, which was held in



August 2002, in Tanabe City, Wakayama Prefecture, Japan. This was the 13th consecutive time Angel worked with the IBAF at the World Children's Baseball Fair. He was awarded the IBAF 2001 President's Special Prize for his involvement as a coach in every baseball fair since the event's inception in 1989.

**Risa Beth Glaser** was event chair and organized a day at the U.S. Open Tennis Championships-Quarterfinal Matches at Arthur Ashe Stadium in Flushing, NY, for the Alumni Club of Long Island on September 5, 2002. **Robert Heyman** is a mathematician for the Department of Defense. He completed a three-year posting to Canberra, Australia, which was "a very rewarding experience." Outside work, he continues researching his family tree. **Stacy Laveson Friedman** has been a rabbi for nine years in San Rafael, CA, and has two sons, Adam, and new baby Eli, who was born the same day as **Nancy Kautman Cohen**'s son, Gabriel, who joins his big brother, Jonah. All four boys, along with their parents, live in Northern California and are great friends! **David Mindich**, associate professor of journalism at Saint Michael's College in Colchester, VT, was the recipient of the Kriehbaum Under-40 Award for Outstanding Achievement in Research, Teaching, and Public Service, given annually by the Association for Education in Journalism and Mass Communication.



David Mindich

## '86

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**Michael Bernstein** is a partner in the bankruptcy practice group at Arnold & Porter in Washington, D.C. He coauthored a book, *Bankruptcy in Practice*, which was published by the American Bankruptcy Institute. **Alain Marcel Marcuse** was appointed as Honorary Consul of Belgium for New England. **Shari Claire Reichenberg Cohen** is a pediatrician in private practice at Valley Pediatrics in Pikesville, MD. She and her husband, Phil, are the parents of twins. **Sharon Weiner Krebs** married Hermano Igo Krebs in September 2001 and lives in Cambridge, MA. She and her husband have traveled to Brazil several times, as he is from San Paulo. Sharon negotiates managed care contracts for St. Elizabeth's Medical Center, part of the Caritas Christi Health Care System and is involved in lots of fun activities outside work. **David Zedeck** and his wife, **Susan Stoll Zedeck '87**, live in New York City with their three daughters, Melissa (8), Amber (3), and Savannah (3). David is partner and owner of Evolution Talent Agency, representing music artists ranging from the Backstreet Boys, NSync, and Britney Spears, to the Insh Tenors.

## '87

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**Lisa Averch Kessler** has been a trial attorney specializing in personal injury in New York City for 11 years. She lives in Greenwich, CT, with her husband, Stuart. **Robin Green** hosted a New-Student Send-Off at her home in Toronto for the Alumni Club of Toronto on August 1, 2002. **Denise Hoffer-Brodsky** writes, "After graduating from Brandeis, I lived in Boston for about

seven years, where I worked as a community organizer, fundraiser, assistant director of a halfway house, and even a nurse, just to name a few! A few years after moving to California I decided to return to school and become a lawyer, and am now the environmental justice attorney for the Sierra Club. My partner, Michelle, and I have been together for almost nine years. We have the most amazing two-and-a-half-year-old, Benjamin Hillel. My email address is dhoffnerbrodsky@yahoo.com for anyone who'd like to get in touch." **Jill Lenett Keller** writes, "Now that my 'babies' are eight and four I am no longer home with them during the day and teaching part-time at night. As of fall 2001 I am an assistant professor of English at Middlesex Community College (where I have loved teaching since 1992)." The Law Bulletin Publishing Company named **Deborah Moeckler Berman**, a partner at Jenner & Block, Chicago, as one of the "40 under 40 Illinois Attorneys to Watch."

**Steven Roses** has called Millburn, NJ, his home since 2000, and reports that he and his wife, Maria, enjoy their role as new parents to their daughter, Annabelle. They have a little border collie named Mazie and look forward to seeing them play together. Steven is still a sales executive at Thomson Legal and Regulatory. **Susan Stoll Zedeck** and her husband, **David Zedeck '86**, live in New York City with their three daughters, Melissa (8), Amber (3), and Savannah (3). Susan is active with their children's school PTA and serves on the board of the Jewish Community Center of Rockland.

## '88

**15th Reunion June 20-22, 2003**  
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**Tina L. Colman** joined the Philadelphia law firm of Spector Gadon & Rosen, P.C., where she is an associate in



Tina L. Colman

the Commercial Litigation Group. Prior to joining the firm, Tina was an associate with Weir & Partners, LLP in Philadelphia. Her experience includes banking, creditors' rights, construction, bankruptcy, products liability, and intellectual property matters. **Michelle Leder** was cochair of a Young Lawyers Group and Media Network event for the Alumni Club of New York City held in July 2002.

## '89

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**Melissa Joy Halter** is a Spanish teacher in Colorado Springs and married a chemistry/physics/calculus teacher. She teaches in a Catholic school and at the local community college. Melissa met her husband in a private school. They have two kids, Sarah and Samuel, and a dog. Many Brandeis alumni attended their August 9, 1998, wedding including **Michael Halter '84**. She doesn't play much softball anymore and hasn't worked in a bar since The Stein but she still tries to get out and have fun. She finds Brandeis alumni in weird places—coffee shops in Charlottesville, synagogue in Colorado Springs. She writes, "It's nice to have gone to a small school where I got to check so many IDs." **Betsy Portnov Kirshner** has been promoted to senior territory business manager in the oncology division of Bristol-Myers Squibb and works in the northern New Jersey area. She married **Dan Kirshner '84** in October 2001. Several Brandeis

alumni attended including Dan's brother **Eli Kirshner '83**, Dan's sister **Ruth Kirshner '88**, **Ellen Seidman**, **Lyla Naseem '90**, **Lauren Veit Resnikoff**, and **Michael Resnikoff '88**. They honeymooned in Costa Rica and live in East Brunswick, NJ.

## '90

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Hello Class of 1990! What's new? Yes, we're all busy, but please take a minute to let us know about your personal and professional news. A quick note is all it takes to keep in touch with fellow classmates. Hope to hear from you soon! Best wishes, Judy. Congratulations! The following Class of '90 alumni announce the births of their newborns. **Debbie Pinnas Friedman** and **David Friedman**, **Esa Kanter Jaffe** and **Chaim Jaffe**, **Ymke Mulder**, **Allison Tarr Popper**, and **Eric Weinstock**. Look for their baby news in the "Births and Adoptions" section of this Review. **Stella Levy Cohen** writes that she and her husband returned from a year in Boston and are living in New Canaan, CT. Stella has returned to the Hacklady School in Tarrytown, NY, where she teaches fifth-grade English and serves as the class dean. Since Brandeis, **Nicole Cook** volunteered in Israel, received her master's at New York University, and served as a health care consultant to Ernst and Young and Schering-Plough Pharmaceutical. She writes that she left her job in January to do "lots of fun things": teach at the University of Phoenix, study Judaism, and volunteer for some local organizations. She is also trying to start her own consulting company. She has two children: **Matan (4)** and **Maia (2)**, and is living in Parkland, FL. **Eva Leikowitz** married

**Eric Loken** in June 2002 at The Atherton Hotel in State College, PA. She and her husband teach human development and family studies at Pennsylvania State University. In attendance at their wedding were the following Brandeis classmates: **Melissa Epstein Schop** (honor attendant), **Rachel Kaylie**, **Sonal Mankodi**, **Wanita Kumar**, and **Chris Bohyer**. **Ymke Mulder** received a doctorate in environmental archaeology from the University of Sheffield in 1999. She currently lives in Cambridge, England, with her husband, fellow archaeologist **Cornelius Holtorf**, and their baby son, Tom, but will be moving to Stockholm in September 2002. **Eric Weinstock** is an endodontist practicing in the Boston area. He and his wife, Toby, an attorney, just had their first son. Eric writes that his email is eweinsto@msn.com and that he would love to hear from his fellow alumni. **Andrew Zeitlin** was the chair for "Making Us Less Free: War on Terrorism and War on Liberty?" an Alumni Club of New York City Young Lawyers Network event featuring **Michael Ratner '66**, president, Center for Constitutional Rights, and **Eric Freidberg '77**, computer crimes consultant at Stroz Associates, LLC, held at Brandeis House on September 18, 2002.

## '91

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**Tamara Chasan** wrote to report that she has become a partner in the Philadelphia litigation firm Margolis Edelstein. She also serves as president of the Brandeis Alumni Club of Philadelphia and was honored as the recipient of the Brandeis Alumni Association's Young Leadership Award in 2001. **Debra Curtis** was the chair of an Alumni Club of Southern California Recent Graduates Network event in July 2002. **Rachel S. Silverman** began a new job as the executive assistant to the headmaster and assistant head of school at Boston

University Academy. BU's prestigious high school for gifted students. She writes that the students there are like the friends she had in the Brandeis "Weirdo Coalition," and that any student who feels out of place due to wide-ranging or unusual interests would enjoy this school. Working with the students and watching them surpass expectations far higher than at standard high schools has been incredibly rewarding for Rachel. She is living with her partner, Jacob Sommer (the younger brother of **Debby Sommer '88**); they are very happy and someday may even formalize things by getting married. In late winter, **Nancy Steinberg** moved across the country from Long Island to Newport, OR, a small town on the coast. Her husband, Tom Hurst, accepted a position as a fisheries researcher with the National Marine Fisheries Service there, and Nancy is continuing to do environmental outreach and policy work on a consulting basis. They report that they really enjoy the spectacular coast and the small town atmosphere but can't seem to find a good bagel or pizza anywhere!

## '92

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Michelle Boomgaard writes, "Sorry I wasn't able to attend the Reunion last summer—I was a little busy. I defended my dissertation, 'An Analysis of the Effects of State Structure on Prolonged Ethnic Conflict,' in late April. In May, I received my Ph.D. from the Catholic University of America. I'm now in the process of leaving the greater Washington, D.C., area and moving halfway across the country to take

a one-year appointment as visiting assistant professor of political science at the University of Nebraska. Kearney." **Marc A. Cohen** is corporate counsel for Uno Restaurant Corporation. He lives in Newton, MA, with his wife, **Sharon Drukman Cohen '93**, and their son, Jordan Kurt. While honeymooning in Kauai with her husband, David, **Jennifer Dorsay Love** happened upon **Suzanne Cohen Goldstein** and her husband, David, who were also on their honeymoon. Jennifer writes, "They were relaxing on the hammock next to us!" **William I. Friedman** is clerking for a judge in the Criminal Branch of the New York State Supreme Court, New York County. He was admitted as an attorney in New York State and published two articles concerning issues of securities law in the *People's Republic of China* and *Hong Kong* in the *Brooklyn Law School Journal of International Law*, and *Journal of Transnational Law & Policy* at Florida State University College of Law. William lives on the Upper East Side of Manhattan. **Frank and Adrian Harris Forman** live in Arlington, VA, with their son, Aaron. **Eric Shawn** was cochair of "Media Coverage of Israel: Biased or Balanced?" a Young Lawyers and Media Networks event for the Alumni Club of New York City featuring **Linda Scherzer '82**, former Middle East correspondent for CNN and Israel Television, held in July 2002. **Sheri Weinstein** enjoys her job as an assistant professor of English at Kingsborough Community College, CUNY. She lives in Manhattan and is looking forward to seeing her Brandeis girlfriends, especially **Dana Hoffman**, **Amy Field**, **Jennifer Strada** and **Erin Glassman**, all of whom have escaped to the beautiful Bay area in recent years, at her upcoming wedding.

*Editor's Note: We apologize for the incorrect spelling of **Miriam Linver** in the Class of '92 section and in "Marriages and Unions" of issue 22, #3 of the Brandeis Review. We also apologize for the incorrect spelling of **Matias Ringel '91** (a guest at Miriam's wedding) in the same issue.*

## '93

**10th Reunion June 20-22, 2003**  
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**Sharon Drukman Cohen** is a project manager for Brigham and Women's Physicians Organization. She lives in Newton, MA, with her husband, **Marc Cohen** and their son, Jordan Kurt. **Laura Duman Yarvis** lives in Athens, GA, with her husband and two children, Jacob and Olivia. **Karen Beth Farkas Cohen** writes, "After a wonderful six years in the Chicago area I am back in Boston. One of the things that made my time in Chicago so wonderful was the birth of my daughter, Soshana Miriam. My husband, Jeffrey, took a new job to bring us back to the East Coast, making our new home in Needham, MA. Moving back East has been great—in the few months that we have been here, I have already seen **Audrey Frankel** and **Chava Goodman Shiel**, who were up from New York for trips to the Boston area. I look forward to connecting with other friends and alumni in the area and am getting excited for Reunion 2003!" **Hildy Karp** is senior associate at Cause Effective, a management-consulting firm for the nonprofit sector. She began working on her M.P.A. at New York University's Wagner School for Public Service and would welcome hearing from fellow Brandeisians who have done the same. **Tabitha Ovanes Karch** writes, "Well, a one-liner can pretty much sum up my life! I left my career as a copywriter in the advertising industry to stay home with my two children. Amanda and Ryan." **Jenna Sebolsky**

completed her Ph.D. in organizational behavior at the Claremont Graduate University. She works as a leadership development specialist at Washington Mutual. She and her husband live in Manhattan Beach, CA

## '94

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Hi All: I am in the middle of moving so I have to keep this short. Thanks for sending all the good news. Please keep those notes coming! **Shireen Deboo** moved to Seattle after graduating and spent three years doing community service work through VISTA and Americorps. She has been with the City of Seattle's Neighborhood Matching Fund program since 1999, providing cash and technical assistance to community groups doing neighborhood improvement projects. This summer, she began a master's degree program in library and information science at the University of Washington. **Adam J. Falk** recently left the U.S. Department of Justice's Antitrust Division, where he worked exclusively on health care matters. He now works for the Alliance of Community Health Plans, an association of not-for-profit and provider-based health plans, assisting with legislative and regulatory initiatives to improve the quality of health care.

**Michael Fioribello** works for AIG Global Investment Group's risk management team. **Traci Kampel** is the senior writer at Thirteen/WNET, New York's PBS affiliate. **Susan Lewis** relocated to New York City to become development manager for the video game publisher, Rockstar Games (publisher of Grand Theft Auto 3). **Rali Levavy** is currently stage-managing the national tour of *Peter Pan* for Theatreworks USA, having recently stage-managed *Sundiata*, the *Lion King* of *Mali* for them. **Rachel Molly Loonin** was married on December 9, 2001, to Joshua Ross Steinerman. Brandeis alumni in attendance were **James Harris '96**, **Michael Feldman '96**, **Daron Geldwert '95**, **Marc Tyler Nobleman**, **Sharon**

**Grossberg Schochet Ariel Schochet Rona Kudroff Steinerman '92**, **Julie Levinsohn Milner '91** and **Josh Milner '91** Taube Lubart Vallabha and her husband will receive Ph.D.s in complex systems and brain sciences from Florida Atlantic University. **Steven Most** spent two months traveling through New Zealand during the summer of 2001, researching and writing for the 2002 edition of *Let's Go: New Zealand* (out in bookstores now). He plans to graduate with a Ph.D. in psychology from Harvard University this year, and then take a postdoctoral position at Vanderbilt University in Nashville, TN. **Susan Shebar** is university director of development services at Long Island University. **Roy Silver** finished his second year as an obstetrics and gynecology resident at the University of Nevada in Las Vegas. **Carolyn Weisel Miller** is a practicing nutritionist and resides in Manhattan with her husband

## '95

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**Timothy Herrmann** was accepted into the fall 2002 class at the University of Massachusetts School of Public Health and Health Sciences (Amherst campus) to pursue a graduate or doctoral degree in biostatistics. He writes, "I am happily ending my self-imposed exile in Boston and returning to more civilized (and bucolic) environs. I'm also still looking for my lost shaker of salt." **Heather Swidler Gelardi** is once again spending her days at Brandeis University as she is an associate director of the annual fund in the Office of Development and Alumni Relations. She lives in Worcester, MA, and was married in June 2002

## '96

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**Serena O. Madar** received a juris doctor degree *magna cum laude* from New England School of Law during commencement exercises at the Wang Center for the Performing Arts in Boston on May 24, 2002. She also received a West Group Outstanding Scholastic Achievement Award at the ceremony. She is a litigation associate with the law firm of Bingham McCutchen, LLP, in Boston, where she was a summer associate in 2001. **David Morris** is an attorney with Millenium Pharmaceuticals. He was married to Deborah Willen on June 3, 2001. **Mike Abramson**, **Matt Zik**, **Johnathan Berkowitz '97**, **Ariel** and **Elana Horowitz Margolis '97**, and **Reena Gold '97** were in attendance. **Erika Schwartz** completed the medical program at the Temple University School of Podiatric Medicine and was conferred a doctor of podiatric medicine degree in May 2002. **Matthew Tilem** completed his internship at the Lahey Clinic in Burlington, MA, in 2001. He is a resident in neurology at the New England Medical Center in Boston and lives in Newton.

## '97

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**Libra T. Gilbert-Wilson** is married with a 2-year-old daughter. She runs her own fitness and nutrition company and is "loving life." After two years of learning Torah in Israel, **Sarah Ita Kohl Meretsky** was married in June 2000 to Nosson Meir Meretsky. They now live in State College, PA, where they are making a Chabad House for the students at Pennsylvania State University. The world welcomed Manachem Mendel to the



Meretsky family in April 2002. **Meredith Harmon Stuart** was the event chair for an Alumni Club of Southern California event at the Hollywood Bowl on September 1, 2002. **Rachel Korn** joined the University of Pennsylvania's undergraduate admissions office as the director of western regional admissions. She will be moving to San Francisco in 2003 to run the West Coast office. **Jeffrey Rosenfeld** completed his M.B.A. at Emory University and moved to Dallas with his wife, Mindy. He works for a marketing research consulting company. **Dina S. Rovner** was graduated from the Northwestern University School of Law on May 5, 2002. Dina works at the New York law firm of Kaye Scholer LLP. **Andrew L. Share** was graduated from the University of Maine's School of Law. He works as an in-house attorney within the legal department of Tyco International (U.S.) Inc. In September 2001, he was married to Elisa Sandler. They live in North Andover, MA. **Steven A. Wander** married **Laura Gingiss Wander '98** in Chicago in September 2001. They were joined by friends **Dave Begleiter '95**, **Jonathan Sambur**, **Elie Schochet**, **Colin Clinton '98**, **Courtney Edson '98**, **Brian Irwin '98**, **Pamela Isaacson '98**, **Joshua Levin '98**, **Marina Mazor '98**, **Abigail Siegel Schochet '98**, **Pamela Strumpf '98**, **Daniel Berlin '99**, and **Rebecca Smerling '01**. They moved from Brooklyn to Chicago where Steve works in gift planning at the Jewish United Fund/Jewish Federation of Metropolitan Chicago. **Bram Weber** is cochair of the Recent Graduates Network for the Alumni Club of New York City.

## '98

### 5th Reunion June 20-22, 2003

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Believe it or not, our 5th Reunion is right around the corner!

**Michele Greenwald** is working hard planning the weekend events with her committee while **Leo Fuchs** and I have been chairing the Class of '98 Gift Committee. In preparation of the exciting weekend (June 20-22, 2003), now is the time to let everyone know what is going on in your life! Here is an update from some of our classmates. **Laura Ackerman** is an account executive at a high-technology public relations firm in Boston. She is also taking classes part-time for an M.B.A. at Bentley College's McCallum School of Business. **Micah Berman** was graduated from Stanford Law School in 2001. He lives in Washington, D.C., and is a criminal prosecutor for the Antitrust Division of the United States Department of Justice. **Bonnie M. Beretta** and **Jeb E.B. Chard** were married in January 2002. Bonnie is in her second year in the physician's associate program at Yale University. **Jeb**, having finished his master's in computer science from Rochester Polytechnic Institute, works for General Dynamics Advanced Information Systems as a principle software engineer. **Keith Berman** is alive and well and living in Los Angeles. He moved there from Boston to follow his dreams to a job as an assistant editor at *Radio and Records* magazine. **Ashley Blick** was graduated from Columbia Law School in the spring of 2002. She lives in New York City and works in the litigation department of Willkie, Farr & Gallagher. **Jason Dell** lives in Silver Spring, MD, and was married in June 2002. He is a student in the M.B.A. program at the Robert H. Smith School of Business at the University of Maryland. He also works for Kesem Technology, a startup software development firm. **Amanda Finegold** relocated to Philadelphia after graduating from Mount Sinai School of Medicine in New York City. She began a residency in family practice at Thomas Jefferson University Hospital. **Kristin**

**Fiorino** was graduated from Robert Wood Johnson Medical School in May 2002. She is a pediatric resident at North Shore University Hospital in Long Island, and plans to do a fellowship in gastroenterology. **Laura Gingiss Wander** married **Steven A. Wander '97** in Chicago in September 2001. They were joined by friends **Dave Begleiter '95**, **Jonathan Sambur '97**, **Elie Schochet '97**, **Colin Clinton**, **Courtney Edson**, **Brian Irwin**, **Pamela Isaacson**, **Joshua Levin**, **Marina Mazor**, **Abigail Siegel Schochet**, **Pamela Strumpf**, **Daniel Berlin '99**, and **Rebecca Smerling '01**. They moved from Brooklyn to Chicago where Laura works for Hill and Knowlton as a public relations executive. **Noam Gundie** was graduated from the University of Washington master's in teaching program. He is a high school biology and ecology teacher in the Seattle Public School System. In the spring of 2002, **Noam** participated in a permaculture design course in Leavenworth, WA, to learn sustainable farming, natural building design, ecological restoration, and community

organizing practices. He is active in many local social change organizations including Students for Free Trade, the Citizen's Campaign for Commercial Free Schools, and the Educating Working Group of Seattle Green Party. **Rachel Helfer Lipkin** teaches second grade in the Hopkinton School System in Massachusetts. She returned to Brandeis to speak with students about her career at a Future Alumni of Brandeis event on September 24, 2002. **Robin Kassner Cohen** married **Douglas Cohen** at the Rye Town Hilton in Rye, NY, in May 2002. Brandeisians in attendance were **Shana Brickman Dukette**, **Dana Rosenberg**, **Ilena Ginzburg**, **Audrey Rosenberg Dulmage**, **Marina Sokolinsky**, and **Deborah Lynn Goldwasser**. **Robin** and **Doug** honeymooned in Bora Bora and live in Manhattan. **Jaqueline Kates** was graduated from the Mount Sinai School of Medicine and began her residency in obstetrics and gynecology at Long Island Jewish Medical Center. **Randy Levitt** began studies at the Anderson School of Management at

the University of California, Los Angeles, in September 2002. **Erica Lowenfeld** is cochair of the Recent Graduates Network for the Alumni Club of New York City. **Miriam Menasha** and **Rajiv Manghani** were married on March 17, 2002. Brandeisians in attendance included **Regina Volynsky '97**, **Jessica Temkin**, **Rachael Max**, **Anna Paule Robyn '97**, and **Sarah Berkson '97**. **Neil Raphael** was graduated from law school at New York University in May 2001. He is an associate in the litigation department at Testa, Hurwitz & Thibault. **Daphna Nissanolff** started a specialty chocolate company with her mother in San Diego that manufactures high-end confections. The confections were featured at the Emmy Awards in 2002. **Meredith Rettinger** is a second-year student at the University of Illinois College of Veterinary Medicine. She is excited to open a small, animal practice after graduation in 2005. **Jeremy Sharp** is a Middle East analyst for the Congressional Research Service in Washington, D.C. **Evan Trost** was graduated from Penn State College of

Medicine and is a resident in family practice at Scottsdale Healthcare in Scottsdale, AZ. **Dmitry Troyanovsky** was the assistant director of the Pulitzer prize-winning play, *Seascape*, by Edward Albee. The show opened at the Hartford Stage Company in Connecticut. During the summer of 2002 **Dmitry** taught a theater class at the Harvard Institute for Higher Theater Training. **Bob Yoon** is in his final year of his performer's certificate program at the Peabody Conservatory of Music in Baltimore. He was accepted into two music festivals in the Czech Republic as a conductor. He also serves on the arts faculty at Beth Tfiloh Community School in Baltimore.

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# Brandeis Reunion '03

## Attention Class of 1953

Come back to Brandeis to celebrate your 50th Reunion! You are invited to be special guests of the University at Commencement Weekend, May 16-18, 2003. Details will be coming soon. For more information, visit your Reunion on the Web at: <http://alumni.brandeis.edu/web/reunions/2003/53/53.html>.

## Brandeis Reunion 2003

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**Sharon Cambra McNeil '67** died on July 21, 2002, after a hard-fought battle against cancer. She earned a master's in social work from Hunter College and a Ph.D. from International University. She studied and danced professionally in the disciplines of ballet and modern dance, with Martha Graham and in Paris. She taught part-time at Yale and the University of Connecticut. She founded the Connecticut Association for Modern Analysis, establishing a large private practice in Stanford, and later in Bristol. She was active in St. Demetrios Greek Orthodox Church of Bristol. She is survived by her husband, Barry, her mother, Sylvia Moss; her son, Constantine; and her sister, Hannah. **Edward Cohen '61** died of cancer on April 27, 2002. He was a classical composer and educator at Massachusetts Institute of Technology who "practically oozed music," whether it was writing a chamber piece commissioned by the Massachusetts Council for the Arts or performing jazz improvisations for family and friends. Edward composed for solo instruments, chamber ensembles, and orchestras. He wrote two operas, *Behzin Meadow* and *The Bridal Night*. A long-distance runner, he ran the Boston Marathon four times in the 1970s. He leaves his wife, Marjorie Merryman; two daughters, Sarah and Jane; his parents, Lawrence and Naomi Cohen; and two brothers, Jonathan and Frederick. **Sylvia Epstein Sawin '56** passed away on June 10, 2002. Sylvia was director of overnight programs at the Children's Museum of Boston. She earned a master's degree in education at Harvard University and taught in the Stoneham, MA, and Chicago public school systems before joining the staff at the Children's Museum in 1972. From 1972 to 1978, she was a program and exhibit developer at the museum's former site in Jamaica Plain, where she developed the American collection. She leaves a daughter, Jennifer; two sons, Philip and Kenneth; two brothers, Arthur Epstein and Ralph Epstein; a sister, Ruth Schultz; and a granddaughter.

**Christopher Gaposchkin '85** died of cancer July 23, 2002, in his family's Lexington, MA, home. He was assistant professor of neurosurgery at the University of Kentucky College of Medicine. After graduating from Brandeis, Christopher earned an M.D. and a Ph.D. in physiology from Boston University School of Medicine. The National Institute of Health awarded him its Most Outstanding Medical Student Award in 1994. He completed his residence training at Cornell's New York Hospital, serving as chief resident from 1998 to 1999. He leaves his wife, Lisa; his parents, Ann and Edward, a brother, Daniel, a sister, Marianne Christensen; and his grandmother, Margurite Myers. **Paul McKinnon '60** passed away on May 28, 2002. He was a lieutenant in the U.S. Navy and a retired captain with American Airlines. Paul had a love for life that included family, boating, fishing, operas, pets, and was a crossword puzzle enthusiast. He is survived by his wife, Ann; sons, Graham and Jonathan; a stepson, Christopher; sisters, Gail and Nancy; and a brother, Donald. After a six-year struggle with cancer, **Susan Springer '68** passed away on July 27, 2002, at the Maine Coast Memorial Hospital in Ellsworth, ME. She lived in Alaska from 1968 to 1995. She worked several jobs in the medical field and for 20 years she worked for the State of Alaska's Job Service in Anchorage. Her family wrote, "Susie was a talented singer, musician, and songwriter. Music and dancing were her life." She is survived by four sisters, two brothers, and an uncle. **Marshall S. Tokson '72** of Bridgewater, MA, died unexpectedly on August 26, 2002, while on vacation in Naples, FL. After attending Brandeis, he earned his medical degree from the University of Chicago, Pritzker School of Medicine. He served his residency at Bay State Medical in Springfield, MA, for three years and began practicing in Bridgewater with a medical group. He later opened his own practice in Franklin, specializing in internal medicine. Marshall is survived by his wife, Sally; four daughters, Jessica, Sarah Gonyea, Elisabeth Gonyea, and Audrey Gonyea; two sons, Matthew and Adam Gonyea; a brother, Larry of Everett; and many nieces, nephews, and cousins.

recesses and the comings and goings of students through hallways? I watch my students filter out of the classrooms for the second year in a row—some I'll see again next year, and some are going out into the world. The college world, at least. How surreal to watch them begin this chapter in their lives, then come home from work and type up Class Notes wherein we reminisce about that chapter, long-closed, in ours. I'm not the only one, of course, to make the leap from student to teacher. **Steven Kosakow**, now living in Norwood, MA, works as an adjunct faculty member and in the career services office of Katharine Gibbs School in Boston. **Jason Flum** will receive his M.Ed. from Rutgers University in secondary English education, whereupon he plans to stay in New Jersey and teach eighth grade. On the "still in school" front, **Daniel Yungler** is a third-year law student at the University of Pennsylvania. During the summer of 2002 he worked in the New York office of Skadden Arps. I ran into **Eve Grevoshay** in an MBTA station in the fall of 2001, but haven't seen her since, so I was pleased to get an email from her recently. She writes: "I'll be moving to Chapel Hill in August 2002 to begin an M.A. program in communication studies with a focus on group identity and how it affects social change. I'm very excited for the move from Boston, especially the cheaper rent, the flowers, and the sun, but I'll miss my Boston Brandeis connections a lot." **Sarah Weingarden** is hoping to receive word from the University of Michigan's School of Natural Resources and the Environment, though, and writes: "After almost three years working in my father's telecommunications consulting firm, I'm ready to make a change. In case I don't get accepted into the graduate program there, I am preparing to create a little upheaval in my life and move to more fruitful areas of the country like

D.C. or good ol' Boston. I would love to get in touch with my fellow Brandeisians regardless of the future. Feel free to email me at my brand spankin' new alumni email address (login to Louie-net to view) or at CookieChick\_23@yahoo.com." Changes are in the works for **Josh Israel** as well. After two-and-a-half years at Mercer & Associates, he has "retired" from political fundraising and taken a new position as a research associate working with Pulitzer Prize-winning historian and journalist Nick Kolz on an upcoming book about Martin Luther King and Lyndon Johnson's relationship (*Shining Moment*, due for publication in 2003). **Christopher Ballesteros** is pursuing a master's degree in accounting at University of Nevada, Las Vegas. He is currently employed at McNair & Associates, Chtd., an accounting firm based in Las Vegas, and is a general partner of Attorney's Immigration Service, a legal assistance office also located in Las Vegas. In addition, he has volunteered for the IRS for two years preparing tax returns for local Las Vegas residents. He writes, "Props to Chief Ed." "Props" as well to **Laura O. Hacker Greenwald**, who received a National Health Service Corps Scholarship in which she has agreed to practice dentistry in an underserved domestic area in exchange for funding for her final two years at Columbia University (she is currently a fourth-year student at Columbia's School of Dental and Oral Surgery). The scholarship is sponsored by the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services. Speaking of service, **Rachel Appel** recently spent five months volunteering and traveling in Israel, Egypt, Thailand, and Indonesia. She currently works in Boston at Combined Jewish Philanthropies with the Commission on Jewish Continuity. **Dani Ackerman** is an account executive in public relations at Weber Shandwick in New York City and is busy planning her wedding to **Cory Liberman**. Cory attends Hofstra University Business School and will graduate in May 2003. As for me, I traveled to China as part of a teacher education trip arranged through the Primary Source Institute in Watertown, MA. Don't worry, though—I wore my Brandeis shirt proudly on the Great Wall! Keep those class notes coming! "Once more unto the breach," David Nurenborg '99

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**Edie Molot** spent December 2001 through March 2002 volunteering in Costa Rica with Youth Challenge International. She built trails in Volcan Tenorio National Park, worked on an aqueduct near Katira (Alajuela province), and ate a lot of coconuts. She is now a student at the School of International and Public Affairs at Columbia University. **Cynthia Solomon** relocated to Chicago to join her fiancé, **Michael Loiterman '99**. She completed her master's degree in communication sciences and disorders from Emerson College and is a speech-language pathologist in the Chicago Public School System.

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Honors go to **Wendi Adelson** who was selected for a prestigious Gates Cambridge Scholarship. She is studying at Cambridge University in England. **Jacob Axel** is a management trainee at Axel Plastics in Woodside, NY. After spending the summer of 2000 at home in Tanzania, **Rahul Bali** is back in the United States and is a student in the M.B.A. program at the University of Maryland. **Lev Barenboym** spent the summer of 2002 as a coordinator for the Explo (Exploration Seminar Program) summer program at Yale University. **Catherine Bernard** is the afternoon program coordinator at the Boys and Girls Club in Waltham, MA. **Joshua Bob** is a marketing coordinator at 8minutedating.com in Boston, MA. **Rajat Chopra** is



a software engineer at Active Prime in Boston. **Daniel Fisher** is a management trainee at Commerce Bank in Morris Plains, NJ. **Brila Galley** and **Adam Zirk** were event chairs for "Happy Hour on the Hudson," an Alumni Club of New York City Recent Graduates Network event on August 22, 2002. **Joshua Hill** moved back to New York City from Singapore and is an account executive at the Economist Intelligence Unit in New York City. **Ce Feng Liu** works at AstroZeneca.com, a bioresearch company, in Waltham, MA. **Nishant Malhotra** is an analyst at KPMG LLC in New York City. **Joanna Nadler** spent the summer of 2002 as an apprentice at the New Jersey Shakespeare Festival. **Andrew Urbanetti** is one of the youngest sous chefs in the United States and works at the restaurant, Mantra, in Boston, MA. **Jason White** is a math teacher in New York City's public high schools.

## '02

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Greetings to the Class of 2002! Well, this fall marked the first time in four years that we as a class did not return to the Brandeis campus. Whether you are happy about this or not, we have all been forced to deal with new jobs, new classes, and/or new environments. I personally have been experiencing a bit of all three—since finding a "real job" has proven to be quite challenging, I have been waitressing at John Harvard's Brewhouse in Harvard Square. I also moved to Watertown in August (a lovely apartment right on the Charles River), and I have also started a part-time Museum Studies Program at Tufts University. Through this whole transition period, I have been remembering a piece of advice my mother gave me right before graduation. She said that so many of us expect to have things figured out after college, because obtaining our degrees requires so much work, when in fact receiving our degrees is often times

only one step out of many yet to be taken. And I am happy to report on many of the "second steps" taken by our fellow classmates. Some members of our class have prolonged entering "the real world," and are continuing with graduate education. **Abby Altman** began her Ph.D. program in psychology at Lehigh University. **Julie Fishman** is enjoying the sunny weather down at the University of Miami Law School, and **Eitan Friedman** is beginning his first year of medical school at Vanderbilt. **Rachel Goldstein** has also started medical school at Mt. Sinai, and **Mike Phillips** has begun his quest to become a sports agent at Villanova Law School. Other members of our class have had luck in finding jobs! **Sophia Moon** is an Americorp community service learning coordinator at Tufts Medical School. She returned to campus to speak with students about her experiences since graduation at a Future Alumni of Brandeis event on September 24, 2002. In other news, **Chris Macek** took a three-month long vacation, touring all over Southeast Asia! Now, I know that there are many more of you out there with many exciting things going on, so please send in your updates! Thanks!

## Grad

**Rosina Becerra '76** (Ph.D., Heller) was appointed associate vice chancellor, faculty diversity, at the University of California, Los Angeles in April 2002. In this position Rosina works to develop programs that strengthen the recruitment, retention, and advancement of a diverse faculty. She serves as the campus' chief academic affirmative action officer, ensuring equal employment opportunities and nondiscrimination in academic programs and fields. **Johnathan Brownlee '93** (M.F.A., theater arts) will host and executive produce the home renovation series *at Home*, along with his wife, Kaz, who is coexecutive

producer. The series is produced out of Vancouver and is in negotiations with several networks. *at Home* focuses on the renovation, restoration, and rehabilitation of historical and heritage properties in an effort to revitalize and rescue vital pieces of Canadian heritage. With a good dose of humor and Johnathan's panache, *at Home* will appeal to a broad cross section of viewers, from segments for families, children, couples, and individuals. It is a perfect blend of Johnathan's two professional loves, acting and home renovation. For updates on the series and company go to [www.winterhaveninc.com](http://www.winterhaveninc.com).

**Stavros Cademenos '81** (Ph.D., sociology) is vice president of international strategic development at Blackboard, Inc., an Internet infrastructure company for e-education. In this position Stavros plays a key role in the company's international expansion and is charged with leading efforts related to channel partner development, software localization, publishing, and content relationships as well as technology alliances. **Natale Henry Cipollina '81** (Ph.D., politics) received the 2002 Dr. Arthur J. Hughes Teaching Excellence Award, from the St. Francis College chapters of Pi Sigma Theta, the National History Honor Society, and from Pi Sigma Alpha, the National Political Science Society, in May 2002. Natale teaches political science at St. Francis and at Baruch Colleges in New York City. When at Brandeis, he held a Gordon Fellowship. **William Patrick Fallon '91** (M.M.H.S., Heller) writes, "I am returning to Southeast Asia to assume a position with the World Health Organization. The office in Manila covers 37 countries in the Western Pacific region. My assignment will focus on personnel issues and managing staff development activities. I feel privileged, once again, to be a staff member of the United Nations. Feel free to get in touch if you're in the neighborhood. Expatriates around the world fondly regard the local beer." **Lillian Labacki Glickman '71** (M.S.W., Heller; Ph.D. '81, Heller) is secretary of the Massachusetts Executive



Office of Elder Affairs. She returned to the Brandeis campus and gave a keynote address to students at a Future Alumni of Brandeis event on September 24, 2002. **Emmanuel Goldsmith**, the spiritual leader of Congregation M'vakshey Derekh in Scarsdale, NY, and professor of Yiddish, Hebrew, and Jewish studies at Queens College, was honored by the Reconstructionist Rabbinical College at its graduation ceremony in June 2002 for his contributions to scholarship, Jewish communal life, and Jewish pluralism, and his embodiment of Reconstructionist ideals. Emmanuel is the author of several books, including *I Really Love Yiddish* and *Modern Yiddish Culture*. **Gray Jacobik '86** (M.A., English and American literature; Ph.D. '90, English and American literature) is an English professor at Eastern Connecticut State University and acclaimed poet. Her forthcoming book, *Brave Disguises*, won the Associated Writing Programs Poetry Series Award in May 2002. "Grant Us Peace" by composer **Stanley M. Hoffman '93** (Ph.D., music) was chosen as one of the selected works in the Waging

Peace through Singing repertoire (2002). The jury recommended this work and others for performance from 213 entries in Category II (mixed chamber chorus). Visit [www.iwagepeace.com/selectedworks.html](http://www.iwagepeace.com/selectedworks.html) to see a full listing. Stanley, who is chief editor at ECS Publishing of Boston, was also the editor of "Shakespeare Madrigals" for SATB Chorus by Gregg Smith, published by ECS Publishing. This edition won first prize in the Choral Octavo category from the 2001 Paul Revere Awards for graphic excellence given by the Music Publishers Association. **Carolyn Keller '75** (M.A., contemporary Jewish studies), a nationally recognized Jewish leader, educator, and innovator, was chosen as the first head of school for the Metro West Jewish Day School (MWJDS), scheduled to open in Framingham, MA, in September 2003. Carolyn has served as director of the Commission on Jewish Continuity and Education of Combined Jewish Philanthropies (CJP) since 1993. **Eric Kingson '79** (Ph.D., Heller) is a professor of social work in the College of Human Services and Health Professions at Syracuse University. In May 2002 he gave a presentation on intergenerational approaches to education as part of the opening plenary panel of the Association for Gerontology in Higher Education's 28th Annual Meeting and Educational Leadership Conference held in Pittsburgh last spring. Eric is a specialist on the

subjects of baby boomers, Social Security financing, aging and gerontology, intergenerational conflict, and retirement policy. **Paula Paris '79** (M.M.H.S., Heller) is the director of development for Jobs For Youth, in Boston. The agency's services range from GED classes for youth and adults to computerized MCAS classes offered in high schools to specialized job skill training for the environmental technology and financial services industries. **Alan S. Taylor '86** (Ph.D., history of American civilization), a historian at University of California, Davis, was the recipient of the 2002 UC Davis Prize for Undergraduate Teaching and Scholarly Achievement. This prize, funded by the UC Davis Foundation through gifts from the Davis Chancellor's Club Fellows, is believed to be the largest prize of its kind in the United States.

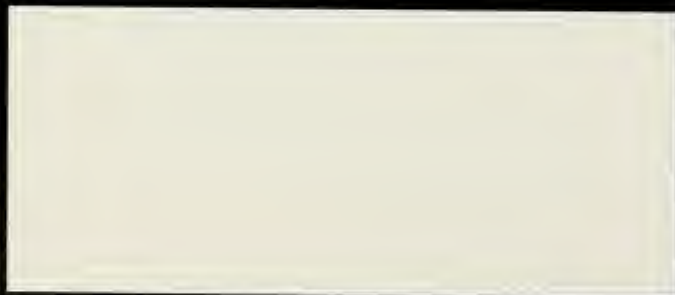
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# Dear Reader

I am writing this during the coldest, snowiest winter New England has seen in years. And today is the deepest part of that winter, the point farthest from any warmer season. This is Groundhog Day, a "holiday" carried over from early European Christian traditions but that, in fact, is the vestige of the remote time when humans first began to monitor the seasonal positions of the sun. February 2, give or take a couple of days from year to year, is a cross-quarter day.

There are eight days during the year that have significance with regard to the sun: four quarter days and four cross-quarter days. The quarter days are the two equinoxes, vernal and autumnal, when day and night are of equal length, and the two solstices, winter and summer, which are the shortest and longest days of the year, respectively. Those four days determine the first day of each season. The four cross-quarter days mark the midpoints of the seasons.

To a budding agrarian society, those eight days were worthy of observance and soon became pagan holidays. Millennia later, though, in a society in which planting seasons have less relevance than television sweeps weeks, most of those eight days still act as potent magnets for our modern celebrations.

The first cross-quarter day—February 2, the dead-center of winter—was marked by the ancient Celtic holiday Imbolg and eventually accrued the Christian Candlemas and the secular Groundhog Day.

The first quarter day, March 21, is the vernal equinox—the first day of spring—which was marked, among other ancient revels, by a celebration of Eostra, the Saxon goddess of spring. The ancient Persian New Year, No Ruz, which modern Iranians still celebrate, begins not merely on the day, but at the exact moment of the equinox. Passover begins on the night of the first full moon following the equinox. The word "Easter," is clearly derived from Eostra, and the holiday, itself, occurs on the Sunday following the full moon that follows the equinox.

The first of May, the second cross-quarter day, has accumulated a host of festivals over the centuries, including the Celtic celebration Beltane, the German Walpurgisnacht and, of course, May Day. It marks the height of spring, midway between the equinox and the solstice.

The second quarter day, June 21, is the summer solstice, which carries no modern holiday, but is renowned for being the first day of summer (and, coincidentally, Reunion Weekend at Brandeis this year for classes ending in 3 and 8).

The third cross-quarter day, however, August 1, remains curiously anonymous. No remnant celebrations acknowledge the midpoint of summer. Perhaps, when the living is easy, it is best to let sleeping dog days lie.

September 21, however—the third quarter day—is the autumnal equinox and the first day of fall. Rosh Hashana, the Jewish New Year, begins on the first full moon after the equinox.

The fourth cross-quarter day, marking the middle of autumn, falls at the beginning of November. What is now celebrated as the largely secular holiday of Halloween has its immediate origins in the Christian observance of All Hallows Eve and All Saints' Day, which were, in turn, an attempt to supplant the pagan Celtic New Year, Samhain.

The fourth quarter day comes on December 21. This is the winter solstice—the first day of winter—and it has accumulated a number of ancient and modern occasions, including the Roman Saturnalia, the German Yule, and Christmas.

So make an extra effort to come to Reunion this year. It is a fine way to get some sun, celebrate your ancient roots, and acknowledge the summer solstice.

Cliff

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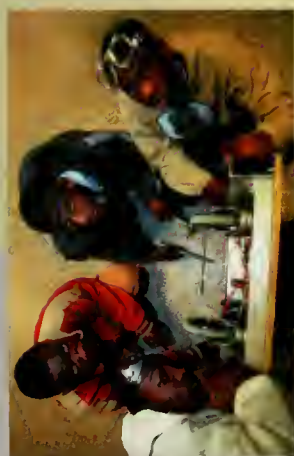
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## Statement of Interest

### Brandeis backs University of Michigan in pending U.S. Supreme Court case

Brandeis is one of 38 private higher education institutions that filed an amicus (friend of the court) brief with the U.S. Supreme Court as it prepares to hear arguments in the University of Michigan affirmative action case. Numerous amicus briefs have been filed by other higher education institutions, Fortune 500 companies, elected officials, and retired military officers.

Because of its far-reaching implications, the case, which focuses on whether public colleges and universities can consider race as a factor in admission, has garnered national, if not worldwide, attention. The broader question in the case is how the decision will affect affirmative action in higher education and beyond.

The amici institutions argue against "fixed numerical quotas or rigid guidelines" but believe, as noted in the Brandeis statement of interest below, that factors considered for admission, in addition to specific quantifiable measures, should include the breadth and rigor of a student's high school program; extracurricular and cocurricular interests and activities; special talents; evidence of leadership; geography,

including country of origin in the case of international students; and gender and race, among others.

### Statement of Interest

Brandeis University was founded in 1948 by the American Jewish community as a private, coeducational, and nonsectarian institution of higher learning and research. While Brandeis maintains a special relationship with the Jewish community, it is not affiliated with any religious organization and offers no theological instruction. From the first, the University has welcomed students and faculty of all backgrounds and beliefs in fulfillment of a mission that emphasizes academic excellence, the creation and transmission of new knowledge, open and vigorous intellectual inquiry, a commitment to social justice, and diversity broadly defined. Brandeis strives to reflect the heterogeneity of the United States and of the world community in which its graduates will spend the remainder of their lives.

Named for one of America's most distinguished jurists, Brandeis University is passionate about the importance of a broad and critical liberal arts education in enriching the lives of students and preparing them for the fullest possible participation in a changing society. In identifying students for admission, the University seeks to build a select community of men and women who, in its judgment, can best contribute to

and benefit from the educational environment and opportunities Brandeis offers. Factors considered for admission, in addition to specific quantifiable measures, include the breadth and rigor of a student's high school program; extracurricular and cocurricular interests and activities; special talents; evidence of leadership; geography, including country of origin in the case of international students; and gender and race, among others.

Diversity in the student body as well as the faculty is judged inseparable from the University's commitment to academic excellence and the creation of a campus community in which vigorous intellectual debate and the free exchange of ideas are paramount values. The quality of academic debate and the exchange of ideas and alternative

points of view are directly influenced by the various perspectives and worldviews of the participants. Race, gender, socioeconomic status, ethnicity, religion, and a variety of life experiences provide a lens through which individuals view ideas, the world, and their place in it. To deprive institutions of higher education of the ability to consider students for admission, not on the basis of fixed numerical quotas or rigid guidelines, but on the basis of subjective judgments involving the many factors and personal characteristics that directly contribute to the academic experience, including such factors as race and gender, would lessen the ability of America's institutions of higher education, both public and private, to provide the rich educational environment that is the envy of the world.

## Advising Bulgaria

### Ministry Taps Brandeis Dean

Peter Petri, dean of the Graduate School of International Economics and Finance (GSIEF), has accepted an invitation

to become an economic adviser to the government of Bulgaria. The invitation was extended by Nikolay Vassilev, deputy prime minister and minister of economy of Bulgaria, during a recent visit to Brandeis.

Vassilev received the Lemberg master's degree from GSIEF in 1997.



## At The Rose

### South African Contemporary Art on Exhibit

An astonishing array of media, from large-scale installations and video projections to small curios, will be on display at The Rose Art Museum through June 29 in *Coexistence: Contemporary Cultural Production in South Africa*.

The exhibit was made possible by the collaborative efforts of Brandeis and the South African National Gallery (SANG). Cocurated by Pamela Allara, associate professor of contemporary art at Brandeis; Marilyn Martin, director of art

collections at Iziko Museums of Cape Town; and Zola Mtshiza, assistant curator, SANG, *Coexistence* displays 35 works, six of which are part of the SANG's permanent collection.

In conjunction with the exhibit, a symposium and a film series organized with the Davis Museum and Cultural Center at Wellesley College were held, and performance artist Robin Rhode and printmaker and musician Daniel Stompie Selibe were artists-in-residence on campus in February and March, respectively.

*Coexistence: Contemporary Cultural Production in South Africa* is administered by Joseph D. Ketner, the



Henry and Lois Foster Director, The Rose Art Museum. The exhibition, catalog, and programs are sponsored through the generosity of The Rockefeller Foundation, TIAA-CREF, the Josef and Anni Albers Foundation, the Slifka Program in Intercommunal Coexistence of Brandeis University, the



Massachusetts Cultural Council, and the National Endowment for the Arts. After Brandeis, the exhibition will travel to Cape Town, where it will be on view at the SANG from September 2003 to March 2004.

The Rose Art Museum is open Tuesday-Sunday, from 12:00 to 5:00 p.m. For more information, visit [www.brandeis.edu/rose](http://www.brandeis.edu/rose) or call 781-736-3434.

Petri, the Carl Shapiro Professor of International Finance at GSIEF, is an internationally known expert on trade, investment, and economic policy. He has consulted widely with the World Bank, the United Nations, the OECD, and national governments.

Bulgaria has made important strides in recent years in accelerating the growth of income and in transforming its economy into a modern market economy. Petri brings to that process many years of experience in economic development and international economic policy.



Peter Petri

## Recent Promotions to Full Professor

The university recently announced the promotions of Silvia Arrom, Fred Diamond, and Seth Fraden to full professor in their respective fields.

**Silvia Arrom**, Ph.D., has been promoted to full professor of history. She is visible and active in the field of Mexican social history. Her second book, *Containing the Poor: the Mexico City Poor House, 1774-1871*, is a substantial contribution to Mexican history. Her current research on the Society of St. Vincent de Paul and its Señoras de la Caridad is also likely to result in publication. Arrom teaches large, challenging classes and is known for engaging lectures and her willingness to mentor students. She

has served as director of the Latin American Studies program for the last decade. She has built a strong program by working closely with donors, bringing guest speakers to campus, and sponsoring conferences.

**Fred Diamond**, Ph.D., has been promoted to full professor of mathematics. Diamond has received international acclaim in number theory for establishing the Shimura-Taniyama-Weil (STW) conjecture. The significance and elegance of Diamond's work is consistently acknowledged in his field. He publishes in the leading mathematics journals, and it is expected that his work will continue to be cited extensively by anyone working on the theory of elliptical curves or, more generally, the Langlands Program. Diamond has had National Science Foundation (NSF)

support and is frequently invited to present his research elsewhere. He adds strength and stature to the Department of Mathematics as a teacher as well, drawing excellent graduate students and high enrollments in advanced courses. He also volunteers to teach introductory courses, such as USEMs, and is counted on as an organizer of departmental seminars and colloquia.

**Seth Fraden**, Ph.D. '87, has been promoted to full professor of physics. An experimentalist working in the area of soft condensed matter, Fraden focuses on the physical behavior of larger systems such as colloids. He has studied plant and bacterial viruses that form liquid crystalline phases. Although most

physicists use only commercial samples, Fraden has developed a technique of genetic engineering of viruses that provides him with very uniform particles. His peers recognize him as one of the strongest experimentalists in the world in his field. He is working on some important questions and publishes in prestigious journals. Frequently invited to speak internationally, Fraden is valued for delivering colloquia in exciting ways. NSF and NASA have funded his projects. Since coming to Brandeis in 1989, Fraden has taught a variety of courses. Outside of the classroom, he has mentored undergraduates and graduate students. He is an active citizen in his department and profession and has served on a number of University committees.

## Excellence Acknowledged

### Jané Kondev Named Cottrell Scholar

Jané Kondev, assistant professor of physics, is one of 14 scientists honored by the Research Corporation as a Cottrell Scholar. The award, one of the most prestigious fellowships among beginning faculty in the sciences, recognizes excellence in teaching and research. Kondev was chosen from 98 applicants for his research proposal,

"Theoretical Studies of Dense Polymer Systems," and for his unique teaching curriculum, which captures current research trends in physics, chemistry, and biology and is inspired by the role of models in physics and their potential for biology. His research proposal is now being applied in examining the physics of DNA packing into viruses—an important event in the viral life cycle. "Science students, regardless of their field of specialization, should be exposed to the ideas and methods for building simple models of complex phenomena," said Kondev.

Kondev will receive \$75,000 in support of his work. The award is named for Frederick Gardner Cottrell, a chemist who founded the Research Corporation in a philanthropic gesture that still stands as an inspiration for others. The Research Corporation was founded in 1912 and is a private operating foundation that aids basic research in physical sciences.

—Cristin Carr

## Seniors Survey

### National Poll Tackles Stereotypes for Women 50+

The face of American women is changing. As seniors become the fastest growing segment of our population, women over 50 face new challenges involving work, health, financing, housing options, and recreation. Yet a new poll released by the National Center on Women and Aging (NCWA) at The Heller School for Social



## Brandeis in the Berkshires

The University this summer will again conduct Brandeis in the Berkshires, a series of institutes where professional and community leaders gather to examine major issues of the day and ways to address them.

Institutes are titled Justice and Politics (July 6-11); Shifting Landscape: Jewish Life in 21st Century America (July 27-August 1); and Islam, Judaism, Christianity: Pluralism and Discord in the Contemporary World (August 10-15). All sessions will be held at the Cranwell Resort and Spa

in Lenox, Massachusetts. Questions to be addressed include: How do advances in technology require us to rethink our fundamental values? Where are the world's next trouble spots? What preventive actions might avert bloodshed and promote justice? What steps can Jewish leaders take to promote the health and vitality of Jewish life in the United States and around the world?

Brandeis in the Berkshires was founded in 2002 through the support and vision of Harold Grinspoon and with the generous support of the Harold Grinspoon Foundations, according to Daniel Terris, director of Brandeis's International Center on Ethics, Justice and Public Life. Terris and Sylvia Barack Fishman, associate

professor of Contemporary Jewish Life and codirector of the Hadassah International Research Institute on Jewish Women at Brandeis University, serve as program directors for Brandeis in the Berkshires. Kathryn Levine of the Office of Development is the program coordinator.

Participants include experienced moderators from Brandeis and elsewhere, and national leaders in business, law, medicine, the arts, diplomacy, and other areas. Moderators for this summer include Author James Carroll, Kanan Makiya, on the Sylvia K. Hassenfeld Chair in Islamic Studies, and author Yossi Klein Halevi. Conversations



are built upon three kinds of texts: classic and contemporary readings, plays, music, and other productions by professional companies in the Berkshires, and the "rich and varied experiences" of participants and speakers, Terris said. Through the academic resources of Brandeis University and the creative resources of Shakespeare & Company, Brandeis in the Berkshires has become an attraction in its own right.

For more information, please contact Kathryn Levine at 781-736-3355 or by email at [Berkshires@brandeis.edu](mailto:Berkshires@brandeis.edu).

Policy and Management reflects that women are more positive about growing older. The poll was funded by the U.S. Administration on Aging.

The national poll, which surveyed 1,001 women age 50 and over, reported that more than 50 percent of the respondents feel the experience of aging is better than expected. The poll also found that when asked about health problems, which limit daily activities, older women are no more likely than younger women to report they have a disability.

"Old age does not guarantee health limitations, nor does youth promise wellness," said Phyllis Mutschler, associate professor and director of The National Center on Women and Aging at Brandeis University. "Since limitations can and do occur at every stage of life, women at all ages and all levels of health must do what they can to prevent or limit disability and its costs."

The first of its kind, the poll specifically focused on midlife and older women. Respondents were selected from more than a million prescreened households demographically representative of the U.S. population. Participants completed a telephone survey, which examined health status, finances, life satisfaction, and concerns with a specific focus on the different images, perceptions, and attitudes that women have towards aging. Demographic characteristics included age, employment status,

living situation, education, race/ethnicity, and marital status.

"The survey shows strong evidence across all socioeconomic statuses that there are concerns about the future," said Mutschler. "But there is also ample evidence that the elements that are within our control can be changed to improve well-being as we age."

—Cristin Carr

## Double Play

### From History to Current Events: New Faculty Members Smiley and Yack Ask Difficult Questions

Luminaries in their fields and married to each other, Marion Smiley and Bernard Yack joined the Brandeis faculty this fall, each immersing students in similar debates coming from different vantage points.



Marion Smiley and Bernard Yack

Smiley, Ph.D., Princeton University, on the J.P. Morgan Chase Chair in Ethics, conducts interdisciplinary research that focuses on ethics and politics. Trained in philosophy (her field is called analytic political philosophy), she explores the meaning of words—how to make logical inferences—and expands out of that to understand arguments and make sense of social relationships and moral

responsibility. Her teaching style is to encourage debate, and she says that Brandeis students—verbally adept and far from shy—jump in and relish arguing, much to her delight.

Yack, Ph.D., Harvard University, on the Lerman-Neubauer Chair in Democracy and Public Policy, a political theorist trained in philosophy, history, and political science, focuses on a more historical version—by scrutinizing history, he tries to understand what made us what we are. “Marion started with problems, concepts, moral responsibility, welfare independency, and then worked out to make sense of the world,” explains Yack. “I started with the world and then worked back to the ideas.”

They met some 20 years ago at a little pizza joint near Princeton University. According to Yack, over a calzone they immediately got into a whopping three-hour intellectual argument. He can’t remember who threw the first punch. Still debating, they admit that although equally stubborn, they have influenced each other.

An author of a book on moral responsibility, Smiley studies how public policy is influenced by conceptions of paternalism, dependence, and autonomy often to the detriment of the disadvantaged. “What does it mean to make moral, social, political philosophy more international? What does it mean to take different cultures into consideration? Can we have cross-cultural dialogue?” she asks with obvious

passion. “One of the reasons I came to Brandeis was the International Center for Ethics, Justice and Public Life, because in this day and age we cannot make moral arguments or ethical claims in isolation, we have to function on an international level. You can’t speak about other cultures without knowing something about them. And you really have to have a dialogue with people from those cultures,” explains Smiley, who is also associated with women’s studies at Brandeis.

Her forthcoming book, *Falling through Trap Doors: The Philosophy and Politics of Group Identification*, will be published by Cornell University Press. Smiley is involved with key issues such as South African apartheid, the treatment of welfare mothers, and controversies concerning the environment. “A lot of my work is reconceptualization, trying to understand what we mean by terms like equality, justice, and responsibility, and then rewriting them,” she explains, adding that she focuses on definitions and clarifying meanings. Her emphasis is on the power of language and the meanings that we associate with words.

“I’m a conceptual analyst in terms of the context in which we come to formulate values in particular ways, their coherence and also the consequences involved. I try to rethink these values so that they’re more workable and less prejudiced after reconstruction.” How do you reconstruct a value? she is asked. “My husband says, ‘with great arrogance.’”

Growing up in rural areas of New Hampshire and Scotland, Smiley remembers her childhood in an environment like *Wuthering Heights*—“exciting, invigorating, romantically bleak.” Coming to Brandeis from the University of Wisconsin, Madison, Smiley has also taught at the State University of New York at Albany, Wesleyan University, Princeton University, and Wellesley College.

Yack grew up in Toronto, where his family was well known for their achievements in the boxing ring. (One uncle, who fought under the name “Baby Yack,” became the flyweight champion of Canada.) Staying in the United States after graduating from Harvard, Yack has taught at Princeton University, the University of Michigan and most recently, the University of Wisconsin, Madison.

A student of political theory and the history of political thought, Yack has a special interest in the relationship between community and democracy. He has published extensively in those areas, including books on European radicalism (*The Longing for Total Revolution*, 1986), community and conflict in Aristotelian political thought (*The Problems of the Political Animal*, 1993) and post-modernist critiques of liberal democracy (*The Fetishism of Modernities*, 1998). He is also the editor of a collection of essays on liberal democratic theory and is currently completing *Nation and Individual*, a book that focuses on the relationship between nationalism and our commitment to democratic principles of legitimacy.

—Marjorie Lyon



## Stepping In

### Shonkoff Takes Lead on Early Intervention for Child Abuse Victims

Recent research shows that early detection and intervention could dramatically improve the developmental outcomes of the thousands of abused children investigated by the Massachusetts Department of Social Services each year. Yet public policies do not fully address their needs and they remain at risk for developing severe behavioral, emotional, and social problems with life-long negative implications, according to Jack P. Shonkoff, dean of The Heller School for Social Policy and Management.

In a major effort to address the problem, the school has established the Massachusetts Early Childhood Linkage Initiative (MECLI) under the leadership of Shonkoff. MECLI is the first project in the nation to require that all children under age 3 be referred from child protection agencies to the early intervention (EI) system.

"The failure to routinely utilize the early intervention system for children who have been abused or neglected is unacceptable," says Shonkoff. "Particularly since children under age 3 with special developmental needs are entitled by federal law to publicly supported EI services under the Individuals with Disabilities Education Act."

In Massachusetts, protective services are delivered through the Department of Social Services (DSS), which conducts large numbers of family-focused investigations but does not routinely assure appropriate child-focused developmental evaluations and intervention services. These latter services are currently provided under the auspices of the Department of Public Health (DPH) through a statewide system of community-based programs. MECLI creates a link between DSS, which is mandated to investigate suspected abuse or neglect, and DPH, which is mandated to provide services for young children with special developmental needs.

An innovative, academic-public sector collaborative project, MECLI calls for statewide action based on a groundbreaking report, *From Neurons to Neighborhoods: The Science of Early Childhood Development*. Conducted by the National Research Council and Institute of Medicine, and coauthored by Shonkoff, the report is the most comprehensive science-based analysis of early childhood policies and practices in the United States.

"Despite a rapidly growing knowledge base, there is a huge disconnect between the science of early childhood development and the services we provide for young children who have been maltreated," said Shonkoff.

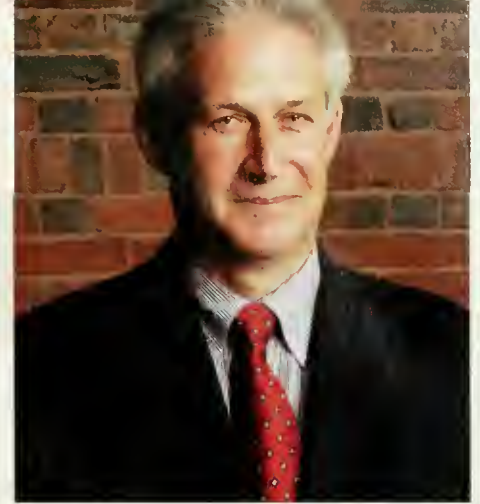
The initiative brings DSS and DPH together to improve and expand the

delivery of services to young children who are at high risk for social, emotional, and behavioral problems. The project's primary goal is to promote policy and service integration, and to build greater statewide capacity to provide mental health services for vulnerable, young children. Its long-term agenda is to develop more enlightened early childhood policy in Massachusetts, and to promote policy change throughout the nation.

With financial support from the Frank and Theresa Caplan Endowment for Early Childhood and Parenting Education at The Heller School and the A.L. Mailman Family Foundation, MECLI is currently being implemented through three pilot sites in Cambridge-Somerville, Leominster-Fitchburg, and Westfield.

Recently The Heller School for Social Policy and Management hosted a symposium, "Linking Child Welfare and Early Intervention: A Call to Action," at The Rita Dee and Harold Hassenfeld Conference Center. The conference took the lead in bringing together high-level state policy makers and service providers in a major effort to facilitate change statewide, and ultimately, nationwide.

Harry Spence, commissioner of the Massachusetts DSS, and Howard Koh, commissioner of the Massachusetts DPH, voiced their strong support for the



initiative and spoke about the need for coordinated, community-based, and family-centered services to ensure the safety and well-being of children. Keynote speaker Joy D. Osofsky, Ph.D., a renowned expert in early childhood mental health and an international authority on the impacts of violence on young children, spoke about working with infants, toddlers, and their families in dealing with the experience and consequences of child abuse and neglect.

The symposium reflected Heller's mission to bridge the gap between knowledge and practice. By attending, representatives from DSS, DPH, early intervention programs, The Department of Medical Assistance, The Department of Mental Health, The Executive Office of Health and Human Services, and Juvenile Courts reinforced their support for Heller as it takes a step forward as one of the first academic institutions to facilitate real change in policy, services, and developmental outcomes for our most vulnerable children. Many spoke of the incredible role Heller and Brandeis are taking in changing the face of early childhood services in Massachusetts which, in turn, will become a national model for innovative policy and practice initiatives based on scientific analysis.

—Cristin Carr

## Scoreboard

### Fall Sports Marked By Extraordinary Performances

The fall 2002 season at Brandeis saw many successful campaigns, some surprising and some expected. Brandeis athletes and coaches were recognized for their seasons and some extraordinary performances.

Senior cocaptain Mariko Tansey Holbrook enjoyed possibly her finest individual cross country season to date. The University Athletic Association (UAA) Runner of the Year, Holbrook won three meets in 2002, including the Codfish Bowl and the UAA championship. She posted two other runner-up performances at the New England Division III championships and, most notably, at the NCAA Championships. Holbrook's second-place finish was the highest-ever by a Brandeis woman at the Division III cross-country

championships, giving her a third All-America honor in the sport and sixth overall. She wasn't alone in garnering recognition at the championships as teammate and fellow senior cocaptain Caitlin Malloy ran a personal-best for 6K to finish 22nd in the nation and earn All-America honors of her own.

On the men's soccer pitch, the Judges reached the Eastern College Athletic

Conference (ECAC) New England tournament for the 12th time in coach Mike Coven's career, posting an 11-8-1 record. Brandeis was led by three All-UAA selections: senior forward P.J. Joyce, who finished his career 12th on the University's all-time scoring list; junior goalkeeper Ben Doyen-Charon, the conference leader in saves per game; and freshman phenomenon Shelton Stewart at forward, whose 10 goals and 30 points were second in the association and earned him UAA

## Vital Signs

### Racial and Ethnic Minorities Less Likely to Survive Cancer, According to Brandeis Study

Cancer is a leading cause of death among older people on Medicare, particularly among racial and ethnic minorities. In addition, racial and ethnic disparities still exist in cancer prevention and treatment, according to a report released by The Schneider Institute for Health Policy (SIHP) at The Heller School for Social Policy and Management.

"Although racial and ethnic minorities are more likely to develop some kinds of cancer, they are far less likely to survive cancer in the United States," said John Capitman, Ph.D., principal investigator of the study, director of long-term care studies at the SIHP, and professor at The Heller School. "In addition, screening rates for breast, colon, and prostate cancer are lower than desirable for all Medicare beneficiaries, but notably lower for people of color."

The Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS) funded the study in a major effort to revamp

Medicare policies and programs that improve access to care and health outcomes for Medicare beneficiaries of color. The study was presented at the 130th Annual Meeting of the American Public Health Association in Philadelphia on November 11.

A comprehensive discussion of the study's findings may be found at <http://my.brandeis.edu/news/item?news%5fitem%5fid=101000&show%5frelease%5fdate=1>.

—Cristin Carr



Rookie of the Year honors. (See article, page 12). For Coven, who picked up his 350th career win against NYU, it all added up to a 4-2-1 record and second place in the UAA—for a team that was picked to finish seventh in the league—and his first UAA Coach of the Year honor. Doyen-Charon also was named a third-team Verizon Academic All-American, Brandeis's first in men's soccer.

The women's soccer team started the 2002 season on fire, winning their first four contests for the first time in 11 years. The Judges faltered in league

play, finishing 1-6 against a conference that produced six nationally ranked opponents. That didn't stop coach Denise Dallamora's squad from defeating then-No. 23 Carnegie Mellon, 2-1, in overtime to spoil the Tartans' undefeated season. Senior tri-captain and defender Lindsay Lazarski earned second-team All-UAA honors for her efforts. Senior defender Sarah Davis and junior midfielder Julie Golomb earned Verizon Academic All-District I honors.

Coach Sheryl Sousa led the volleyball team to a 16-20 record, missing the ECAC North Tournament for the first time in four years. The Judges were led by senior All-UAA setter Theresa Ceriello. An All-Tournament selection at the Bates Invitational, where the Judges finished in third place, Ceriello became the first Brandeis player named to the American Volleyball Coaches' Association (AVCA) All-New England Region team. Classmate Tracy Marien earned Verizon Academic All-Region honors for the second time, having been selected last spring for her performance on the fencing team.

The women's tennis team posted a 4-4 fall record that included a 6-3 win over UAA rival NYU. The Judges finished a best-ever fourth at the New England Women's Intercollegiate Tennis Tournament, thanks mostly to the strong play of sophomore No. 1 player Jane Chae. Chae reached the semi-finals of the top singles flight. She defeated the No. 1 player from two-time national champion Williams in the semifinals and was the only player to take a set from the tournament champion of Amherst.

## Spencer for Higher Ed.

### Brandeis Awarded Grant for Discipline-Based Scholarship in Education

Brandeis has received \$456,000 from the Spencer Foundation for a new three-year program to prepare doctoral students for research in the field of education. The University is one of five liberal arts institutions participating in the foundation's new Discipline-Based Scholarship in Education Initiative.

At Brandeis, the Spencer Program will allow doctoral candidates and faculty from across the disciplines

to conduct in-depth discussions involving the relationship among research, policy, and practice. Core elements of the program include graduate fellowships and research mini-grants, education mentors, an interdisciplinary research seminar, faculty research grants, and a documentation study to examine the progress of Brandeis's innovations.

"Brandeis students and faculty interested in education now have a second intellectual home," says Joyce Antler '68, the Samuel B. Lane Professor of Jewish History and Culture, who codirects the new initiative with Jewish Education Professor Sharon Feiman-Nemser, the

Mandel Professor of Jewish Education. "Faculty and students can learn about each others' work and ways of knowing and become part of a larger, cross-disciplinary research community."

This year's Spencer Fellows include Hilary Moss, Sandra Resnick, Sasha Slocum, and Susie Tanchel. Faculty participating in the Spencer Interdisciplinary Seminar include Antler and Feiman-Nemser, Janet Z. Giele (Heller School), Marya Levenson (Education), Ted Sizer (Education), and Joseph Reimer (Hornstein Program). Research mini-grant recipients are Kathleen Drennan, Tania Mireles, Jason Opal, and Dorota Wojtas.



Antler and Feiman-Nemser hope that the Spencer experimental program will result in new ways of understanding and researching complex problems in education. Participants in the Spencer Seminar will invite the larger Brandeis community to a conference about their work in the spring.

—Donna Desrochers

Members of the new Spencer Discipline-Based Scholarship in Education Initiative (not pictured: Joseph Reimer and Susie Tanchel).

## Seats of Honor

Endowed chairs were recently presented to 13 faculty members. The recipients, their new titles, and areas of expertise are Edward Kaplan, Kevy and Hortense Kaiserman Professor in the Humanities (French romanticism, Michelet, Hugo, modern French poetry and theory,

Baudelaire, Iabés, Bonnefoy, religion and literature, translation); Mark Hulliung, Richard Koret Professor of the History of Ideas (history of ideas, political theory); Ibrahim Sundiata, Samuel and Augusta Spector Professor of History (Africa: social history, slavery, the African diaspora, Afro-

Brazil); David Hackett Fischer, Earl Warren Professor of History, adds the title of University Professor (modern history, social institutions); Marion Smiley, J.P. Morgan Chase Professor of Ethics (moral, social and political philosophy); Laurence Abbott, Brandeis Professor in Neuroscience (modeling of neural networks); Arthur Wingfield, Nancy Lurie Marks Professor of Neuroscience and director of the Volen National Center for Complex Systems (human memory); Jeff Gelles, Ann and Imre Tauber Professor of Biochemistry and Molecular Pharmacology (mechanisms of mechanoenzymes, stochastic processes in single enzyme molecules, light microscopy as a tool to study enzyme mechanisms); and Bernard Yack, Lerman Neubauer Professor of Democracy and Public Policy (political theory,

history of political thought, nationalism, cultural pluralism]. Not pictured are Adam Jaffe, Fred C. Hecht Professor in Economics (industrial organization, technological change and innovation, law and economics, environmental economics); Blake LeBaron, Abram L. and Thelma Sachar Professor of International Economics (macroeconomics, international finance, microeconomics); Kanan Makiya, Sylvia K. Hassenfeld Professor in Islamic Studies (the Middle East, early Muslim history, modern politics of Iraq, modern Arab thought, politics of art and architecture); and Ilan Troen, Karl, Harry and Helen Stoll Professor in Israel Studies (Israel studies).



## Summer Vocation

### Two Ways Brandeis Offers to Put Your Leisure Time to Work for You

Brandeis Summer Program 2003 continues its 28-year tradition of offering small, intensive classes over two, five-week summer sessions. An open admission program, the Summer Program plays host to many visiting

students as well as its core audience of Brandeis undergraduates. With courses drawn from the humanities, social sciences, sciences, and creative arts, more than 75 courses are being prepared for presentation this summer. For details on the calendar and courses, visit the Program's Website at [www.brandeis.edu/summer](http://www.brandeis.edu/summer) or call the Summer Program Office at 781-736-3424.

Drawing students of all ages, the Seventh Annual Brandeis Hebrew Language Summer Institute showcases a program that has won national renown for its *Hebrew-in-Hebrew* methodology. The Institute plays host to participants from across the country. Graduate students, adults, undergraduates, and high school students who are

seeking an Ulpan experience here in the United States convene on the campus in July. Offering five levels of modern Hebrew simultaneously, the program moves each participant's reading, speaking, writing, and listening skills ahead by a full semester in just four weeks. Using authentic materials and special workshops, participants are immersed in Israeli culture as well as language. For more information, please call 781-736-3424.



## One-Woman Showcase

Annette Liberman Miller '58, M.F.A. '76, as Golda Meir, speaking with Daniel Gidron '66, M.F.A. '68.

### Miller stars in *Golda's Balcony*

Annette Liberman Miller '58, M.F.A. '76, spellbound Boston audiences from January 3 to February 22 with her portrayal of Golda Meir in *Golda's Balcony*.

Written by Playwright William Gibson, best known for *The Miracle Worker*, the 90-minute, one-woman show revolves around one night during the 1973 Yom Kippur War. According to Director Daniel Gidron '66,

M.F.A. '68, "The journey she undergoes during this fateful night of vigil...is moving, touching, funny, and horrifying all at the same time...emotionally [Miller] has the fire, dedication, imagination, and power needed for the role and for the demands of a one-woman show. I can't think of a better actress for this role."



And neither could reviewers. According to *The Boston Globe*, Miller's "polished performance exudes Meir's fierce devotion to her country and her ideals." *The Boston Herald* commented the play "is strikingly brought to life by Annette Miller," and her portrayal of Meir is "rich" and "believable."

*Golda's Balcony*, a Shakespeare & Company production, was premiered in the Berkshires in summer 2002. In Boston, the show ran at the Tremont Theater.

## Paine Relief

### Rose Art Museum Chosen for Prestigious Art Critics' Award

Chalk up another award for The Rose Art Museum.

On the heels of being honored by the Boston Society of Architects for Graham Gund's design of the Lois Foster Wing, The Rose was chosen by the International Association of Art Critics United States Section (AICA/USA) for Best Monographic Museum Show for 2000-02.

The award recognized *Roxy Paine/Second Nature*, curated by Rose Director Joseph D. Ketner and Contemporary Arts Museum Houston (CAMH) Senior Curator Lynn M. Herbert.

Boston AICA presented the award, the first of its kind, in a ceremony on January 27. A total of 14 awards were announced for museum and gallery shows in the Boston area. The ceremony was held at The Rose.

*Roxy Paine/Second Nature*, which ran from April 25 to July 14, 2002, featured Paine's monumental art making machines and faux botanical environments.

The artist's bold, yet whimsical, investigation of mechanics and surface and traditional cultural forms earned critical acclaim.

The International Association of Art Critics/USA presents national awards each year in recognition of the exceptional and important work in the visual arts contributed by artists, curators, gallerists, writers, and cultural institutions. The Boston AICA is the first regional chapter to issue its own awards.

—Donna Destrochers

## Ace Kicker

### First-Year Soccer Phenomenon Takes on Brandeis Record Books

Shelton Stewart '06 may become the best soccer player in Brandeis history.

At least that is what Coach Mike Coven predicts if the first-year phenomenon continues playing as he did during the fall 2002 semester. Shelton's 10 goals and 30 points brought him the honor of being named University Athletic Association (UAA) Rookie of the Year.

And how does the 19-year-old Jamaican native feel about the prospect of

being immortalized in the University's athletic annals?

"I'm pretty excited," he says, "but I am still working on it. I was a bit slow this season, and didn't move as fast as I used to."

It was Shelton's fast moves and hard work that earned him a spot on the Reggae Boyz, the Jamaican National Football U-17 Team when he was 12. At 13, he was captain of the team, leading players that were ages 14-17. At 15, a high-school sophomore, he again served as captain and played in the Youth World Cup in New Zealand for the team.

Despite his long, impressive record, Shelton takes his accomplishments in stride. "I must admit, I am a little modest," he says.

Shelton's modesty is one of his many winning traits. According to Coach Coven, Shelton is also "a wonderful guy with a great disposition, a joy to work with... You feel good when you are with him." His modesty is especially evident when one discovers that he is a legitimate celebrity in Jamaica, unable to go out in public without being recognized by adoring fans.

Soccer is Shelton's passion. Even on a dark, snowy afternoon, Shelton is wearing his bright green and yellow uniform from the New Zealand Youth World Cup and his favorite indoor soccer cleats. And if his love

for the game isn't apparent enough in his clothing, it is in his words and actions.

Almost everything he does is centered around the sport. He has played the game since he was 4. In elementary school, he was named to his state teams. In high school at Hotchkiss, an independent boarding school in Connecticut—which he attended at the suggestion of fellow football club members—he excelled in the soccer program, earning a place on the Western New England Prep School Association (WNEPSA) team each year and All-State and All-New England honors in his senior year. During the summers, he ran a youth soccer camp at home named for the Humble Lions, a well-known Jamaican team for which he played.

## Mission: Expandable

### NWC Raising Scholarship Funds

After 55 years of successful fundraising for the Brandeis University Libraries, the National Women's Committee (NWC) has expanded its mission to include fundraising for undergraduate scholarship and graduate fellowship funds. Its first awards were made this year in the areas of social justice, the sciences, and the

humanities. A Heller graduate student who helps victims of domestic violence and two undergraduates on the Dean's List are the first three beneficiaries of NWC endowed scholarships.

Helping women rebuild their lives after they escaped violent relationships or entered recovery from addiction has consumed Andrea M. Bosquez-Porter's life for the past two years. Recipient of the Brandeis University National Women's Committee North Shore Chapter Endowed Scholarship in Social Justice, she "found her calling"

two years after graduating from Vassar College when she went to work as a bilingual case manager at a women's shelter in New Jersey. She later worked at Maranda's House in Worcester, Massachusetts, a transitional facility for HIV-positive women recovering from addiction. She is now enrolled in The Heller School's 15-month M.B.A. program and has set as her goal the management



Shelton even picked Brandeis because of soccer. "I know academics are important, but I made my decision based on soccer. Coach Coven showed a lot of interest in me and went out on a limb," he continues, "That's why I am here...and I love it here. It is my type of school, a little quiet. It is a great school with great people."

"I am thrilled that he is here," Coven says, adding that Shelton is "a leader on the field and a polished player."

Shelton developed his playing style by modeling his game after soccer legend Diego Maradona and after his best friend, Alex Thomas. "Maradona is inspiring on the field. He has great vision and great passing skills," Shelton says, "When I pass the ball, I am a better player." As for Alex, Shelton gives high praise. "He is a really hard worker, strong on the field; a great motivator on the field. He is a team player and knows the game well."

Shelton hopes after he graduates to play professional soccer in Spain, where the game is "fast...The Spanish league requires a lot from you. It's a thinking game," he says. "I like to play a whirlwind, when the other team is

coming at you...that is when I am on top of my game. I like to play under pressure."

Between now and then, though, Shelton plans to enjoy three and a half more years at Brandeis. Soon he will have to declare a major. Though soccer is not an option, Spanish is. "I love Spanish," he adds, "it will help me when I play in Spain." After spending time with Shelton, one has no doubt that he will.

—Audrey Griffin



Shelton Stewart '06

of a mid-sized agency that serves victims of domestic violence and sexual assault within five to seven years.

"It is a phenomenal experience to be involved with these women at such an amazing and hopeful time in their lives," she says of her work. Bosquez-Porter still works occasionally at Maranda's House and at a shelter for battered women in Waltham. She is also doing an internship with the Massachusetts Office for Victims' Assistance, an advocacy group for crime victims that is working

to install a legal advocacy system throughout the state to help people applying for restraining orders.

Olga Oksman '04, recipient of the Blanche and Norman Ginsburg Endowed Scholarship, is a Dean's List student from the Bronx whose family emigrated from Russia. A graduate of the LaGuardia High School for Music, Art, and the Performing Arts, she is now majoring in psychology and

says she will "definitely" go to graduate school after Brandeis. Oksman has helped conduct experiments that measure optimistic or pessimistic outlooks in Associate Professor of Psychology Derek Isaacowitz's Motion and Aging Laboratory, and she also worked as a summer volunteer in the emergency room of Bellevue Hospital. She is currently working in the Brandeis Libraries.

Vanessa F. Anik '05, recipient of the Brandeis University National Women's Committee Los Angeles Chapter Endowed Scholarship in

the Humanities, is a Dean's List student majoring in English. In addition to working in the National Women's Committee office on campus, she is involved with Mitzvah Corps, which raises money for the homeless and a variety of other community causes. She also teaches English as a second language to dining room employees at Brandeis. In her free time, Anik runs the Women's Ultimate Frisbee Team at Brandeis.

# A Wealth of X-Chromosomes



Among faculties in the  
biological sciences at outstanding  
American research universities,  
Brandeis's stands out.

Among the women in science at Brandeis are:  
bottom row, Judith Herzfeld, Susan Birren, Judith  
Tsipis, Piali Sengupta; second row, Dagmar Ringe,  
Lizbeth Hedstrom, Susan Lovett, Dorothee Kern,  
Leslie Griffith; third row, Bulbul Chakraborty,  
Kalpana White, Eve Marder, Gina Turrigiano; fourth  
row, Ann Gershenson, Melissa Moore, Liuba Shrira;  
fifth row, Joan Press, Elaine Hillier.



Brandeis has the highest ratio of women, especially tenured women, of any top-flight biology research department in the United States. It is a claim easily and enjoyably confirmed. Take a walking tour of their labs, and you find wellsprings of considerable inquiry. Tangles of tubes and vials of glistening color nestle on shelves behind gray lab benches. Like a fortress, a maze of high-ceilinged, somber gray halls contains a bustle of activity—scientists searching for no less than truth. Walk through the first floor and peer into the lab of Professor Gina Turrigiano where researchers probe the development of astonishingly complicated cortical networks. How do our brains get wired up during development, so you end up with functional circuits? What rules determine what is connected to what and how strong the connections are? How does this whole system remain stable in the face of continual change?

Continue down the hall, go up one flight and come upon researchers in the lab of Professor Piali Sengupta, bent over microscopes, their focus wiggly worms that slither towards and away from odor-emitting chemicals. How do animals have the ability to distinguish between a rose and the scent of a rotten egg? What are all the different neurons, nerve cells that are required for sensing chemicals? How is the sense of smell changed by what's going on around you? How do people respond to particular scents?

Walk up the stairs to the third floor, and at the end of the hall, turn left. Here researchers in Professor Kalpana White's lab probe a large number of intricate cellular processes that allow individual neurons to function

within a larger network. They are intermittently pushing back the darkness to illuminate one more area—to go where no one has tread before. Head down the hall on the same floor, and turn right. Abundant alternatives confront scientists in the developmental biology lab of Professor Susan Birren. How do cells with multiple potentials develop into neurons? How does the cell then make the decision to become a sympathetic neuron? How does that sympathetic neuron form functional connections to the heart and how does it then control the function of the heart?

Go one floor up, and you find yourself in the penthouse. Peek into an airy sunny office with large windows, where you might notice a little dog asleep on the couch. Here are the labs of Professor Leslie Griffith, humming with "what-ifs" and "maybes" that set out in new directions as the flow of questions dissolves into answers that beget new questions. How are learning and memory done in the brain? How do molecules inside neurons allow neuron properties to change in response to environmental stimuli? Fruit flies are the model system for trying to integrate biochemical understanding all the way up to behavior.

Venture outside to an adjacent building, its thin rectangular windows and imposing brick façade more mysterious than intimidating. Take the elevator up to the third floor and step into a lab cluttered with colorful little bottles lining the shelves. Here Professor Susan Lovett explores how cells can repair damage to their chromosomes. What are the mechanisms by which mutations arise? Close by in the same building, in the Structural Biology Laboratory, Professor Carolyn Cohen's group uses X-ray crystallography to reveal the detailed structures of key protein assemblies such as those in muscle.

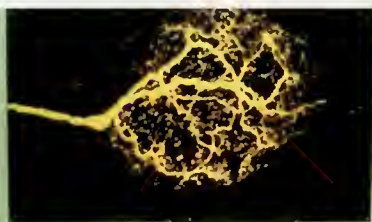
The major focus is to understand how chemical energy is converted into directed movement, and how these machines are switched "on" and "off."

Ponder these conundrums as you amble down the stairs and outside. Another short walk and you come upon a modern building with tall windows, labs gleaming. Take the elevator to the third floor and find Professor Eve Marder's experimental lab where small ganglia that come from lobsters and crabs are used to study how neurotransmitters alter the behavior of neuronal networks. Walk down the hall to find a group in Professor Dorothee Kern's lab exploring how enzymes move during catalytic action. Kern's students are in constant motion as well, running between the Volen Center and the basement of the chemistry department where a "millionaire" in the shape of a gigantic magnet is hiding. It is the magnetism of the individual atoms of proteins that the Kern lab is exploring to characterize dynamics hot spots in these biomolecules. Go to a building nearby. In Professor Melissa Moore's lab, researchers ask, "How is information that is stored in your DNA actually accessed by the cell?"

These intriguing and complicated questions beckon to a select few. A career choice to focus on biology takes commitment, resourcefulness, independence, perseverance, patience, and the personality of a risk taker. The principal investigators in the labs we just visited share many of these qualities. But there is another that makes the biology department at Brandeis remarkable: all of them are women.



Dorothee Kern



Eve Marder '69

"At many prominent institutions the percentage of female neuroscience faculty is as low as 10 percent. Harvard is hovering around 10, Johns Hopkins around eight, Stanford is pretty high at 18, University of California, San Diego, is somewhere around 15 percent, Brandeis is 30," explains Gina Turrigiano, associate professor of biology and Volen National Center for Complex Systems, with an aura of calm, purposeful confidence.

There is a long history here. When there was no access for women in science, when there were few women on the faculty anywhere, there were women science faculty at Brandeis. Why? Because maverick, iconoclastic Brandeis went after excellence in whatever form it came—it dared to hire those whom others would not, from European Jewish professors who battled prejudice to women whose options were severely limited, stuck in a 1950s ideal of women properly, and happily, at home baking cookies.

It started small but gained momentum, as the pioneers—role models for others—created a gender-neutral atmosphere that attracted more and more outstanding women eager to focus on their research, without the gender issue distraction present in so many predominantly male departments. "I would say our ability to attract really first-rate, intelligent women scientists to Brandeis is partially because they can look around and see that they're not going to be the first one in a sea of 30 men," explains Eve Marder '69, the Victor and Gwendolyn Beinfeld Professor of Neuroscience and Volen National Center for Complex Systems and the recent recipient of the prestigious Mika Salpeter Lifetime Achievement Award from the Women in Neuroscience organization.

Indeed, when the Rosenstiel Center opened, Brandeis wanted to have a floor for structural biology and they were interested in hiring four faculty. At a time when Harvard and MIT had very few tenured female full professors, Brandeis hired two women out of four. Says Marder, "Carolyn Cohen (biology) and Susan Lowey (biochemistry) came to Brandeis in the 1970s to work at the Rosenstiel Center. They paved the way for Joan Press, an immunologist, Judith Tsipis, trained as a biologist, who now runs the Genetic Counseling Program, and Kalpana White, a developmental geneticist. By the time I started in 1978, I was the fifth after Carolyn, Judith, Joan, and Kalpana in the biology department, and then there was a wave of hires starting in the mid-1970s, when the biology department got into the habit of hiring gender neutral," explains Marder.

Susan Lovett, associate professor of biology and Rosenstiel Basic Medical Sciences Research Center, remembers that as a chemistry major at Cornell she did not see a single woman professor. "Women graduate students and undergrads feel more comfortable at Brandeis because they have role models," she says. According to Lovett, a biologist benefits from being independent, showing initiative, and working well with others. "A lot of people think scientists work alone, but nothing is farther from the truth." She laughs—a hearty, contagious, raucous laugh. "We actually work as a team." And women are predisposed to easily interact with peers.



Are men and women really different? Just look at the movies. A hero does things; a heroine feels things. Men act; women talk. Men exact a righteous revenge; women's adventure is an internal journey exploring subtleties and ambiguities. So does the biology department environment bear a feminine stamp? You bet it does.

Ask them and they all seem to agree. Start with how women talk. The research labs are like myriad pieces of one huge puzzle, connecting and overlapping to explain the breathtaking intricacies of biology. Discussions with others doing work that overlaps—or may be quite disparate—to gain insights and experiences from a different vantage point are invaluable. For Susan Birren, associate professor of neurobiology and Volen National Center for Complex Systems, a favorite part of her work is “having people in and talking about the experiments that we’ve done, how we might analyze them, how we might interpret the data, and where it might lead us,” she says with her signature rapid-fire enthusiasm. “There are very few barriers between laboratories in terms of communication, so one of the very nice things about Brandeis is the ease with which you can enter collaborative situations with other faculty members and with researchers in other laboratories.”

“I never think about my gender here. I take it for granted. It’s very unusual. I’m not sure why, but a lot has to do with the fact that there are also senior and established women on the faculty who are supportive role models and mentors,” says Piali Sengupta, associate professor of neurobiology and Volen National Center for Complex Systems.

To be fair, it is not always the case that men and women behave differently. “Women probably do have

somewhat of a different style, but it’s not always true. It’s one of those bad generalizations,” says Leslie Griffith, associate professor of biology. Yet she agrees there is an impact. “Because there are so many women I think younger women coming into the department never feel marginal,” she says, soft-spoken and deliberate.

For a man’s perspective, listen to James Haber, the Abraham and Etta Goodman Professor of Biology and Rosenstiel Basic Medical Sciences Research Center: “The presence of senior women faculty has provided a very positive environment for women entering as assistant professors and in supporting them along the way to promotion. I don’t believe that there are fundamentally male and female ways of doing research or choosing research problems, so I don’t see that what we do has been greatly changed by having both genders strongly represented, but there is great camaraderie among our faculty and this may be in part because we have so many women.”

Rarely one to follow norms, Brandeis has created an outstanding but atypical biology department that resonates with its roots, demanding equality, embracing diversity, celebrating research, attracting and cultivating excellence. The University began with an open-minded and forward-thinking attitude, searching for talent, oblivious to gender. Now it is a place where great women are doing great things. ■

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Gina Turrigiano



Carolyn Cohen



SUING

A Brandeis alumnus

**blazes** a new trail

*t h r o u g h* the halls of justice

**O**n June 9, 1996, while riding in the back seat of his parents' car, Yishai Ungar, at the age of 9 months, suddenly became an orphan. The baby seat in which he was strapped was riddled with bullets from the drive-by shooting, and his parents lay dead in the front seat. He was, miraculously, unscathed, and his 2-year-old brother, Dvir, had luckily been left at home.

The victims, Yaron and Efrat Ungar, themselves just barely adults, were on their way, with the baby, to a wedding near Beit Shemesh in Israel when two Kalashnikov machine guns, fired from



The late Yaron and Efrat Ungar with their surviving sons, Dvir and Yishai.



by Cliff Hauptman '69, M.F.A. '73

a passing car, left their sons, now 7 and 8, without parents. The Ungar's car carried Israeli license plates. Efrat, the mother, was driving. The shooters were later caught and identified as members of Hamas, the Islamic Resistance Movement, and are currently serving time in prison. It became clear that the Ungars were targeted because of their Israeli plates and because a woman was driving. Significantly, however, Yaron, the father, was an American citizen.

The Counter Terrorism Act of 1992 was passed by Congress so that Americans who are victims of overseas terrorism can seek monetary damages in U.S. courts. The Act resulted from the nightmarish legal boondoggle in

which the Klinghoffer family found itself while attempting to bring suit in the death of Leo Klinghoffer, who was killed and pushed overboard during the *Achille Lauro* cruise ship highjacking in 1985. Their case was a cruel parody of a law school exam poser: "the ship is Italian; the terrorists come from Libya but got their orders from Gaza; the crime takes place in the Mediterranean; the victim is from New Jersey; and the company who sold the tour is in Framingham, Massachusetts. What laws apply, and whom do you sue?"

The 1992 Act, as the Counter Terrorism Act is called, established jurisdiction in any appropriate court

in the United States and clarified the damages and how they may be served. In other words, it provided an unambiguous legal vehicle. Yet, until March of 2000, eight years after its passage, no one had ever used it.

"Literally, there was not a single civil suit filed under that statute," says Attorney David J. Strachman '86, whose suit against the Palestinian Liberation Organization (PLO) and the Palestinian Authority on behalf of the Ungar family is the first to use the 1992 Act. His involvement in the case began when lawyer friends in Jerusalem asked him to take a look at it from an American legal perspective.



U n t i l Strachman, in March of 2000,

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after its passage, no one had ever used  
the ***Counter Terrorism Act***.

Strachman is a partner with McIntyre, Tate, Lynch & Holt in Providence, Rhode Island. "So we filed this first suit in Rhode Island," explains Strachman. "We subsequently filed several more in Washington, D.C., and we also filed several suits against state sponsors of terrorism, such as Iran and Syria, and the first decision we got in the Ungar case dealt with some of these threshold basic issues like, 'can the suit be brought?' Remember, the statute had never been challenged because it had never been utilized. Normally, when you look in the law books, they cite the statute and, underneath it, you'd usually have dozens and dozens of cases interpreting it. Here there was literally nothing."

The PLO's response has been to file a series of motions to dismiss, through their attorney Ramsey Clark, the former U.S. attorney general under President Lyndon B. Johnson. One of their arguments was based on the issue that the Palestinian Authority is a state and is therefore entitled to immunity under the Foreign Sovereign Immunities Act, which strictly limits the conditions under which foreign governments may be sued. Judge Ronald R. Lagueux of the U.S. District Court of Rhode Island disagreed.

As Strachman explains: "That was a ruling that basically said that they're not a state and they are subject to suit, and this case is going to proceed—that was in early November. On December 12, the judge ruled and entered an order that Arafat and company have to come to the United States and be deposed in the United States in answer to these allegations. So that, in a nutshell, brings us to where we are."



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If and when Arafat and company fail to show up in the Rhode Island courthouse, Strachman's next step will be to file a contempt motion. But then what?

"The goal of the Act," says Strachman, "is to create an economic disincentive to terrorism, to ensure that there is a way that regular citizens can join the fight. One of the ways to do that is to create an economic award against them so that they would have to pay, and, by having to pay \$10 million for each time they kill an American or each time they're involved in this kind of sponsorship of terrorism, perhaps it would stop them. And it also creates accountability. The client is not looking for money, per se; they're looking to punish the offenders and obtain justice. We took depositions last December in Jerusalem from three Fatah members. Fatah is Arafat's 'political party,' if you will, and they described how they organized the murder of an American in Fatah headquarters in Ramala. So, it's important for accountability purposes to raise these issues and to make sure these things are documented."

Strachman, himself, is what you might expect in a person doing this kind of work. Dressed in a fleece pullover and jeans, a plain black kippah camouflaged in his hair and protecting his bald spot from this merciless New England winter, he shuns the camera aimed at him and cannot understand why a photograph of him is relevant to his cause. He is focused and intense, exuding a tangible dedication and an intelligence befitting a groundbreaker. And most importantly, he appreciates the seeming absurdity of trying to impose a legal process on lawless pandemonium.

"When you look at Hamas and at the kinds of things that they do and the way they operate, you're 100 percent right. There's an absurdity," agrees Strachman. "Here we are, civilized Westerners, trying to use the rule of law to resolve disputes and to create this economic disincentive to terrorism. What does that mean? At some level, it's awkward. But, the point is, from our perspective and the perspective of my clients and the victims, there aren't a lot of options for them. They're not vigilantes; they're very respectable, law-abiding people who have limited means to effectuate some level of accountability and punishment."

"If the U.S. government were stronger and really took some action, then it wouldn't be left to us. I'll give you an example: We have a suit on behalf of Asraf and Biton [*Editor's Note: In a planned bombing attack on an elementary school bus in November 2000, Avigail Biton's husband, Gabby, was killed and Rahel Asraf was wounded*], a gentleman who was murdered—he had six kids—and a woman who was attacked on a bus in Gaza. It was widely published in the media that the CIA has a tape of Muhamed Dahlan, [head of the Palestinian Preventative Security Service] and his right-hand man discussing the planning of the attack on this school bus. Well, the CIA has this information—it's widely reported, not a secret—and the State Department called me up and said, 'We want to put your clients on a website that is going to list them and give out rewards for information about who's responsible for this.' I said, you know who's responsible. Cross the street, go to the CIA office, and you've got the tape; play the tape and go arrest Muhamed Dahlan."

"Shortly after that, Dahlan was invited to the United States by our government to be a negotiator. So, why is it that my clients, who are now victimized by this, have to pursue this when our own government, which has the information and far better resources, won't do it?"

Despite the obvious frustrations of the work, however, Strachman finds it invigorating. His clients are decent, patient people with realistic expectations. They appreciate the fact that their case is but one of a growing number of such cases—the World Trade Center disaster spawned many more—but take satisfaction from their role as trailblazers, their cases establishing precedents upon which subsequent cases can build increasingly better structures and achieve increasingly more effective and timely actions.

On the prospect of actually collecting on the suits, Strachman remains sanguine because of the availability and enormous size of PLO assets in banks and brokerage firms in the United States, Europe, Israel, and Saudi Arabia. But the process has been extraordinarily slow. After three years, Strachman's cases are only in preliminary stages with years to go even before judgments are obtained. Still, Strachman's efforts offer hope; if terrorist killings and mutilations cannot be curbed by humanitarian appeals, perhaps someday they can simply be made too expensive. ■

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# Youth Violence

Prevention, Intervention, and Policy





What type of child is most likely  
to become aggressive?

### **This Brandeis professor's research**

**led to surprising answers.**

by Malcolm W. Watson

**M**any researchers and experts have tended to think of youth violence as occurring in gang-ridden neighborhoods, usually in areas suffering from poverty, and in homes in which children are exposed to high levels of media, peer, and family violence. But after several school shootings we have come to realize that our assumptions were not entirely correct.

We have learned that violence does not simply appear without warning. Aggression in childhood and early adolescence is the best single predictor of later violence; however, knowing that aggression is stable across a wide age span does not answer questions about the antecedent conditions that bring this violence to fruition. What causes some youth to become highly aggressive and violent? Are there several pathways to violence and

different profiles of youth who become violent? In particular, are there individual personality and psychological factors that, when combined with neighborhood risk factors, push a child over the edge toward becoming highly aggressive?

Does being an especially extroverted or introverted child, being a sensation seeker or risk taker, having a sense of low self-worth, or having a tendency to engage in aggressive fantasies contribute to the development of aggression?

Members of a collaborative project have been carrying out a longitudinal study in which we first looked at possible antecedent risk factors leading to aggression in elementary school-aged children and then traced these risk

factors and levels of aggression in these children as they progressed through their adolescence. The National Institute of Child Health and Human Development has funded the project, of which I am the principal investigator and Kurt Fischer at Harvard Graduate School of Education is the co-investigator. Cheryl Caswell, Kevin Smith, and others at the New England Research Institutes have also been integral members of the project, as have several Brandeis graduate students, in particular, Jasmina Burdzovic Andreas, Mark Saviano, and Xiaolin Yu.

In order to assess pathways leading to aggression, we tested a sample of 440 children between the ages of 7 and 13 years and their mothers. This sample was a random and representative sample of the entire city of Springfield, Massachusetts, except that we over-sampled certain neighborhoods to

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ensure that we had approximately equal numbers of African-American, Hispanic, and Caucasian children at all levels of socio-economic status. We had approximately equal numbers of each sex. We chose the city of Springfield because it seemed to present a microcosm of diversity and problems found in many other cities around the country.

Social workers who lived in the city, were familiar with the neighborhoods, and were experienced interviewers, completed a two-hour, in-home interview with each mother and a separate interview with each child. We administered several questionnaires and assessments of various factors that we thought might predict aggressive behaviors, and we also gathered demographic and neighborhood data concerning, for example, the configuration of the family and presence of gangs and drug dealings in the neighborhood. Most important for our purposes, we gathered a lot of information about individual personality and psychological factors. For example, we tested a child's predisposition to be a sensation seeker (to take physical risks and seek stimulation); a predisposition to engage in a lot of fantasy thinking; sense of self-worth; exposure (as a witness) to violence in the home and the neighborhood; experience with being a direct victim of violence; temperamental

characteristics, including introversion and extroversion; and the level and frequency of parents' physical punishment of the child.

Of course, we also assessed physical aggression levels in children, in terms of frequency and severity. These aggression data were also gathered by means of questionnaires and interviews with the mothers and with the children. Included were standard assessments of various types of behaviors the children engaged in and how frequently they showed them (hitting others, using a weapon in a fight, causing injury that required medical attention, picking on other children, and engaging in bullying behaviors).

After this initial interview, we returned to the families after a one-year interval and completed essentially the same interview again. We then conducted two additional follow-up interviews, so that we now have data from four interviews for each family, gathered over a seven-year time period. Our children now range from 13 to 19 years of age. Of course, over time some families have dropped out of the study, primarily due to moving from New England, and we now have approximately 350 families remaining in the sample. Based on demographic characteristics and on aggression levels, those who have dropped out do not seem to have differed from those who remain.

Happily, our findings indicated that most children showed very little aggression. Yet, many children did show various levels of aggression, and a very few reached high levels that included criminal violence and murder.

We found only small sex differences. In our sample, girls showed nearly as much aggression as did boys, though boys still tended to show the most extreme types of violence. A child's racial or ethnic group status also did not predict amount or level of aggression, nor did socio-economic status. In addition, verbal IQ scores were not related to levels of aggression.

We expected that children who were high sensation seekers and were also exposed to other risk factors, such as living in violent families or in neighborhoods with gangs and drug dealings, would show more aggression than would non-sensation seekers. However, sensation seeking showed no relation to subsequent aggression.

Then what factors did predict aggression? The strongest and most expected predictor (the factor that accounted for the most variance in aggressive outcome) was the level of physical punishment that parents inflicted on their child. Children who were punished more and hit more by their parents showed significantly more subsequent aggression. This finding supports many other studies that show this relation.



A second strong and stable predictor was surprising. We found that children who were highly inhibited showed higher levels of aggression. Jerome Kagan at Harvard University first described this type of behavioral inhibition, characterized as a set of behavioral characteristics in children, which leads them to be hypersensitive to environmental input and, consequently, wary and extremely vigilant of change and stimulation. They seem to freeze up in the face of environmental changes. For example, inhibited children tend to have more trouble adjusting to new environments, including school changes; they are more fearful of making new friends and approaching new situations; they are quieter and seem bottled up.

In the past, studies of young children have found that these inhibited individuals were less outgoing and less aggressive than their peers. However, most previous studies of inhibition have not looked at older school children and adolescents from all social classes. We think that some inhibited children, when other factors are also present, might tend to act defensively by showing aggression. In a sense, they seem to act to protect themselves from the threats they see stemming from a changing and out-of-control environment. Despite their tendency toward inhibition, they may occasionally explode. This profile is perhaps illustrated by a stereotype we have all seen perpetuated on the news: the neighbors of some violent criminal say later that they were surprised by the violence, they didn't know him well, and that he was quiet and kept to himself.

Shedding more light on this particular pathway to aggression, we found in our study that children who were frequently physically punished by their parents (an environmental factor) were more likely to be highly

inhibited (a personality factor), and then in turn were more likely to show aggressive behavior. When Ann Wrege, a former graduate student at Brandeis, assessed the most violent children in our sample to see how they might differ from all the other children, again she found that, unlike the rest of the sample, the highly aggressive group typically showed especially high levels of inhibition. Moreover, this finding held across all interview periods. Thus, the relation between inhibition and aggression remained stable over time, and earlier inhibition predicted later aggression. In addition, inhibition seemed to be part of a pattern of risk factors that most likely led to aggression when strong parental punishment and family conflict was also involved.


Another related pathway to aggression showed that children who experienced more parental punishment also experienced more direct peer victimization (another environmental factor), which led to more time spent engaging in aggressive fantasy (once again an individual, psychological factor), which then predicted more aggressive behavior. I should mention one last relation. When parents and children reported having guns in the home, children also showed slightly more aggression.

What can we make of these findings? First, I do not think we have found all the various routes or patterns that lead to youth violence, but we have identified one important pathway that I believe has been overlooked in the past. Inhibited, quiet children are usually not expected to be the aggressive troublemakers and are often overlooked. Yet the profiles that are emerging from case studies of school shooters look suspiciously similar to the factors we have found in our study. In one evaluation of the Columbine shooters, Susan Harter found that the perpetrators were loners, were teased and taunted by peers, showed suicidal and aggressive fantasies, had interest in

and access to guns, and had inadequate relationships with their families—the main predictors of aggression that we found in our study.

I believe that this link between inhibition and aggression reaches far beyond the few cases involving school shooters that have occurred. School shooters may be just the tip of the iceberg.

Do these results suggest possible approaches to prevention? We believe they do. There are some prevention programs that have been developed for use in schools that look at violence as



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a problem that everyone in the school must help solve; the focus is on an attempt to help everyone—the would-be aggressors, the victims, and the bystanders—feel some responsibility for curbing violence. Associated with this type of prevention program is a push to pay more attention to those who are at especially high risk for becoming violent, including children who are quiet and not connected to others. The results from our study suggest that this focus is what is needed to deal with this particular pattern of aggression. ■

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# Remote

Through the industrious influence

of a **Brandeis** physics professor long dedicated to **social action**,  
inner-city students at an after-school **science program**,

**10 miles** from campus, are creating their e n t r y

by Marjorie Lyon

In a small classroom cluttered with wires, drive gears, sprockets, pulleys, wood, cutting tools, electronics, and computers, a group of some 10 high school students are feverishly working to build a remote-controlled robot. Not quite R2D2, it does in fact have a personality, especially when they take it out for a practice run. Careening down the hallway, this large wooden rectangular contraption on wheels with a tangle of electronics in its belly looks like it has a mind of

its own. With no humans nearby, it noisily whips down the shiny floor with surprising speed, stopping and starting, whirling around, changing direction forward and back. A startled passerby would think it autonomous, until a glance down the hall reveals a kid with a joystick.

He is talking excitedly in Creole, one of a tight group, all talking at once—students who stay after classes at Hyde Park High School in Boston to design and build their entry to

the 2003 FIRST (For Inspiration and Recognition of Science) Robotics Competition. This is a program that teams sponsors, academics, and technical professionals with high school students to demonstrate their solution to a prescribed engineering challenge in a competitive game environment. The competition is huge, reaching more than 20,000 students in more than 800 teams from almost every state in the United States, as well as other countries. These teams participate in 23 regional competitions



i n t o the **2003 FIRST** Robotics Competition.

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and an annual championship event. The competition combines the practical application of science and technology with the intense energy and excitement of a sporting event.

The students at Hyde Park High School are engaged in this extraordinary opportunity in large part because Robert Lange, associate professor of physics at Brandeis, has always been dedicated to social action. For many years, with his colleagues at Roxbury Community College, he has been working to establish after-school

science opportunities in the inner city, calling his idea the Roxbury Science Workshop. His dream was to find a space to establish a permanent after-school, drop-in center for high school students in which they could explore science projects. After bouncing around in rented store fronts and community centers, Lange's drop-in center found a home at Hyde Park High School when a group of students invited him to meet with their principal.

The center was designed originally for science exploration but nothing specific, and in an environment where after-school projects fight a losing battle for students' attention, interest waned. Then Alan Melchior of the Center for Youth and Communities at Brandeis's Heller School for Social Policy and Management established a relationship with FIRST, an organization started by inventor Dean Kaman (its Website is [USFirst.org](http://USFirst.org).) Under Kaman's guidance, a national robotics competition at the high-school



As unified and dedicated as any sports team, these Hyde Park High School students and faculty immersed themselves in the creation of their first robot for competition.

level has been going on for some years, and Melchior was interested in conducting an evaluation. He asked Lange to lend his expertise as a scientist and an educator with experience in high schools. "I met with The Heller School and with the FIRST people," explains Lange, "and I thought, 'Why shouldn't we try building one of these robots if we're going to do an evaluation?' It was almost lighthearted, but why not?" Lange explains.

Suddenly his relationship with Hyde Park High School—with an already established after-school center involving colleagues from Roxbury Community College—was a perfect fit. Lange went to work rounding up Hyde Park High School teachers and students willing to make a commitment to a tremendous amount of work jammed into six weeks after school. The competition demands that teams composed of students working with teachers, engineers, and

other professionals have six weeks to produce a well-designed machine that is competition ready. Melchior succeeded in getting a scholarship for the \$5,000 entrance fee, and they were off.

A huge box of very valuable electronic and mechanical equipment arrived on a prearranged kickoff date—wheels, motors, sensors, shafts, bearings, software, joysticks, a multichannel radio control system, a 12V battery power supply, and game specifications. "You've never built anything like this before in your life and you've got six weeks and it's got to be shipped to the site of the regional competition in Manchester, New Hampshire," says Lange.

This is not a paint-by-numbers kit. This is "You're on your own, buddy. Now what are you going to create from scratch?" You are going to build a remote-controlled robot that must be able to collect and stack plastic storage containers on your team's side of a playing field. You can write a computer

program on your desktop that gets the motor to respond to your joystick so you can drive it around. It will have to cooperate with another robot that you've never seen before. The location of the containers and the height of the stacks will determine each team's score for each round. The playing field has a certain shape, so you have to design your robot with a set of goals.

Picture the field: 24 feet wide by 54 feet long, enclosed on the long sides by a pipe railing that is 20 inches high. A four-foot wide by 12-foot long by two-foot high plastic-surfaced platform is located in the center of the field. Access to the platform is provided by 12-foot wide, welded-steel, wire mesh-surfaced ramps on each of the long sides. These ramps are eight feet in length and are set at approximately 14 degrees from horizontal.

With Lange a motivating and managing force—none of them has had any experience with this—they





are designated a "rookie" team. Two professors from Roxbury Community College, an engineer from Middlesex Community College, and two teachers from Hyde Park High School work with the group of kids after school, and they are excited. "We've got a robot that moves around," says Lange, obviously delighted. "It took us three weeks longer than it was supposed to—they propose a schedule that directs: 'You should have your moving robot by the first 10 days.' Well, not us. But we're going to be there at the regional competition. It's a very big deal nationally, and we're thrilled that we've got Hyde Park High School to participate," says Lange. "About half the students are Haitian-Americans and half African-Americans. We've made hotel reservations for the regional competition in Manchester. About 10 or 12 kids come regularly on a given day, but we've decided we want everyone who has been involved one way or another to go. So we've got a three-day field trip to New Hampshire for 16 kids and four or five adults."

"I know my colleagues from Roxbury Community College with whom I've been trying to do this for years are thrilled with what it's done for the kids," says Lange. "They are visualizing things, solving problems, drilling holes, building ramps, measuring, and cutting. There's a whole culture of 'let's accomplish building this thing.' Byron Livernois, a science teacher at Hyde Park High School, is key to our success," he adds.

Lange has always been politically active, but his approach has evolved from a protest style—teach-ins, demonstrations—to building things. "When I went to live in Africa in 1986-87 to teach in Tanzania, I came home in a different state of mind," he explains. "I came home in the state of mind where political activity for me was going to be less protest and more constructive. None of my views or values has changed, but I'm less interested in telling people that they're wrong even when I still think they are. I'm tired of saying, 'You think A is your enemy and B is your friend, and I'm

here to tell you that A is your friend and B is your enemy—you should listen to me.' And people don't listen to me. So I want to build educational opportunity concretely." Lange has always done some of that, helping to start the Brandeis Transitional Year Program (TYP) in 1968. TYP gives promising but disadvantaged students an extra, intermediary year between high school and college, entirely free of charge. It is the longest-continuing program of its kind in the United States. "Since I came home in 1987 it's been 'let's create things that actually deliver opportunity rather than just talk.'"

Giving students at Hyde Park High School the opportunity to design and build a remote-controlled robot and participate in a national competition is just what Lange had in mind. ■

*Marjorie Lyon is a staff writer.*

*Editor's note: After the first day of competition, the Hyde Park team received a judges trophy for perseverance and hard work.*



## Palm Beach Events 2003

A highlight of the Palm Beach season is the annual gathering of Brandeis University alumni, Fellows, and friends to meet President Jehuda Reinharz, to socialize at the Palm Beach Dinner, and to hear an outstanding speaker at the Rabb Seminar. This year was no exception.

Lois and Hank Foster hosted a reception at Mar a Lago honoring Gerald and Sandra Fineberg for their recent, generous gift to the Rose



President Jehuda Reinharz with Shirley Feldberg Levy at the Palm Beach dinner.

Art Museum. The gift will be used to enlarge the upper gallery space to include a bookstore and a café, making the Museum more accessible to the public. The new first-floor gallery will be named the Gerald and Sandra Fineberg Gallery, in recognition of the Fineberg's gift. Mr. Fineberg is chair of the Board of Overseers and continues to donate major pieces from his collection to the Rose Art Museum. Joseph Ketner, director of the Museum, says the new Fineberg gift will "transform the face of the Rose, continuing the transformation that began with the opening in 2001 of the award-winning Lois Foster Wing."

On Saturday evening, Howard and Michelle Kessler hosted the traditional Palm Beach Dinner at their home. The conferral of an honorary doctoral degree of humane letters on Trustee Emeritus Carl J. Shapiro took the honoree by surprise. Shapiro's most recent Brandeis benefaction was the gift of the magnificent Carl and Ruth Shapiro Campus Center. Board of Trustees Chair Stephen Kay read the citation, and Carl's daughter, Trustee Ronny Zinner, hooded him.

The honorary degree citation reads in part "Entrepreneur and businessman extraordinary, thoughtful



Brandeis Trustee Ronny Zinner, Ellen Jaffe, and Linda Waintrup, with their parents Ruth and Carl Shapiro.

and visionary philanthropist, respected Trustee and generous benefactor of Brandeis University. In 1939 you formed Kay Windsor, a firm that grew, by dint of your hard work and creative leadership, to become one of the largest women's apparel companies in the country. From there, you moved on to make your mark in the world of investment. Not content to rest on your laurels, you and your wife, Ruth, have used the resources of your personal success with wisdom and creativity to benefit the fields of the arts, education, health care, and social service."

The text goes on to mention perhaps a dozen other institutions that have benefited from Shapiro's vision, collaboration, and dedication. "The innovative initiatives, programs, and buildings you have supported will enrich the lives of many for generations to come. While these achievements bespeak your intellect and generosity, they do not capture the warmth, humor and kindness that are at your core and endear you to all who know you well.

For your philanthropic munificence, your resolve to use your success to give back to the community, and your unshakable commitment to making the world a better place, Brandeis University is proud to bestow upon you its highest honor."

On Sunday morning a breakfast was held for the Fellows of Brandeis University. Ketner presented the lecture, "What is Modern Art, What is Contemporary Art, and What Will Be the Future Wave of the Art World?"

Three-time Pulitzer Prize-winning New York Times columnist Thomas Friedman '75 addressed an audience of more than 1,200 at Temple Emanu El. The Brandeis audience hung on Friedman's every word and appreciated being able to hear this speech several days before his column covering the same subjects appeared in *The New York Times*.





Thomas Friedman '75 acknowledges applause from overflow audience after his talk at the Rabb Seminar in Palm Beach.



Professor Shulamit Reinharz visits with Eleanor Rabb, who, with her late husband, founding Trustee Norman Rabb, established the Rabb Seminar as an annual event in Palm Beach.



Irving and Marian Wiseman greet President Reinharz and Nancy Winship, senior vice president for institutional advancement, at the Palm Beach Dinner.



Sandra and Gerald Fineberg join Lois and Hank Foster to talk about their favorite subject, the Rose Art Museum.



Professor Shulamit Reinharz enjoys a visit with Brandeis benefactors Gilda and Alfred Slifka.



President Jehuda Reinharz with Myra '64 and Robert Kraft.



Howard and Michele Kessler welcome Tom Friedman '75 during a reception at their home in Palm Beach.



President Reinharz (center) looks on as Stephen Kay, chair of the Brandeis University Board of Trustees (right), congratulates philanthropist Carl J. Shapiro on receiving an honorary doctor of humane letters degree from Brandeis at the Palm Beach dinner.



President Reinharz enjoys a happy moment with Valya Kazes Shapiro '61 and Robert Shapiro '52.

## Justice Brandeis Society Emerging Leaders



Kerri Berney '97, Richard Greenfield '95, Pegah Hendizadeh Schiffman '97, Seth Schiffman '95, Adam Rifkin '97, and Rachel Greenfield '95



Stephen Reiner '61, Jean Eddy, senior vice president for students and enrollment, and Patricia Reiner

On October 30, 2002, Trustee Stephen R. Reiner '61 and his wife, Patricia, hosted the inaugural reception of the Justice Brandeis Emerging Leaders Society at their home in New York City. More than 50 alumni from the Classes of 1993 to 2002 were treated to a wine and hors d'oeuvres reception and an informative dialogue with Jean Eddy, senior vice president for students and enrollment. Adam Rifkin '97, Michael Saivetz '97, and

Bram Weber '97 serve as conveners for the New York Emerging Leaders.

The goal of the Justice Brandeis Emerging Leaders Society is to engage and promote the involvement of recent alumni in the community and the life of the University through the Alumni Annual Fund, Alumni Association, and other alumni programs. Alumni eligible to become members of the Justice Brandeis Emerging Leaders Society are graduates from the last 10 years who have made gifts to the University of at least \$100 multiplied by the number of years since their graduation.

Membership does have its benefits. JBS Emerging Leaders will be invited to exclusive gatherings throughout the year in selected cities in the

United States. Alumni from the Classes of 1992 to 2002 are encouraged to become members of the Justice Brandeis Emerging Leaders Society. The JBS Emerging Leaders group is expected to grow throughout the country, particularly in Greater Boston, Washington, D.C., Philadelphia, Los Angeles, as well as New York City. Additional information is available from Robyn Welfeld Hartman '94 at [hartman@brandeis.edu](mailto:hartman@brandeis.edu) or 212-472-1501 x232, or Robin Bayne at [bayne@brandeis.edu](mailto:bayne@brandeis.edu) or 781-736-4010.

## Brandeis University Board of Fellows

The Brandeis University Board of Fellows was created in 1951 to fulfill a critical need of the University for a concerned corps of "foster alumni" who would offer wise counsel and support. Since Dr. Selman Waksman was elected the first Fellow, University officers have relied increasingly on this

highly committed and distinguished segment of the Brandeis Inner Family.

Today the Board of Fellows number almost 300 men and women who are alumni, friends, and parents. Under the current leadership of Richard '57 and Rosalind '59 Kaufman, the Fellows continue to add to the strength of the University through their own generous gifts, their enthusiastic ambassadorial activities in their communities, and their counsel and expertise in many business and professional fields.

### Fellows Breakfast in Palm Beach, Florida

Fellows and their guests joined together before the Norman S. and Eleanor Rabb Seminar for the third annual Fellows Breakfast on January 19, 2003.

President Jehuda Reinharz, Ph.D. '72, warmly welcomed Fellows and introduced Joseph Ketner, the Henry and Lois Foster Director of the Rose Art

Museum, who spoke on modern and contemporary art, and the role of the Rose Art Museum today.

### In Our Prayers

Our prayers for comfort are extended to the family of Fellow Marion Ullman Weinstein, who passed away on, November 21, 2002.

### Fellows Calendar of Events

#### Monday, April 7, 2003

Join Robert J. Art, the Christian A. Herter Professor of International Relations, who will speak



## Brandeis's Annual Fund Makes a Difference

The Brandeis Castle represents the strength and security of the University and is the most recognizable building on campus. Standing guard over the campus, the Castle reminds alumni and friends of the time they spent in Waltham. The Castle has been the symbol of the Annual Fund for one simple reason—Brandeis University has relied on its strength and the support from those who have walked by it in the past. Private support was important from the beginning, it is important today, and it will continue in the future.

From the sciences to theater, libraries to humanities and everything in between, Annual Fund support can

help Brandeis University in many ways. Student scholarships, faculty support, equipment, new technologies, and more are all supported by gifts from the Brandeis Annual Fund through the generosity of alumni and friends.

More than 60 percent of the students attending Brandeis University are receiving some form of financial support. Gifts to the Annual Fund provide current scholarship assistance. Some of the students currently benefiting from gifts to the Annual Fund share their thoughts and appreciation below.

### **Gustavo Giske '03 Jaboatao, Brazil**

"My time here has been very rewarding and I feel that Brandeis has provided me with a competitive edge for my future. I wish to one

day find myself in a similar position to touch someone's life the way you changed mine."

### **Shirin Imran '03 New Jersey**

"I have had four amazing years at Brandeis thanks to your generous donations. I find myself looking back at the University life I've had for so long...I am so truly thankful for every moment. I don't think I can express in words exactly what Brandeis has meant to me—it is not something tangible; maybe if you could hear me say, 'I am a Brandeis student,' you would understand."

### **Alison Warren '05 Alabama**

"Without your generosity I would not be able to call Brandeis my home. I knew I wanted to study in the

Boston area, and in Brandeis I found the campus and the people I know I wanted to live with. I feel so blessed to attend this University, and I know it would not be possible without your support. Thank you so much."

### **Jason Theobald '03 Illinois**

"I'm continually amazed at all the things that Brandeis has enabled me to do and am thankful to the generous people who have made it all possible."

Every gift is appreciated and every gift makes a difference.

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on American foreign policy and the war on terror at a breakfast discussion at Brandeis House beginning at 8:30 am.

### **Sunday, May 18, 2003**

Fellows and Trustees  
Annual Commencement  
Breakfast  
Brandeis University

### **Spring 2003**

Boston Area Fellows  
Brandeis Updates

A series of gatherings are being scheduled that will include presentations by students, faculty, and administrators. Please watch your mail for more details about this campus series.

### **GSAS Mentoring Initiative**

This fall, members of the Board of Fellows were invited to serve as mentors to students in the Graduate School of Arts and Science (GSAS). Milton Kornfeld, Ph.D. '70, associate dean of arts and sciences for graduate education, formed

the Graduate Alumni Mentor Network as a way of connecting Brandeis alumni and Fellows with Brandeis graduate students and recent graduates, in order to assist them with the transition from graduate school to the "real world."

Kornfeld expresses his appreciation to the Fellows who have joined the network. If you are interested in being a part of this collaborative program, please return your GSAS Mentoring Questionnaire today. If you would like more information on the program, contact Karen Youman '98, associate director of alumni and university relations, at [kyouman@brandeis.edu](mailto:kyouman@brandeis.edu) or 781-736-4048.

### **Pamela Allara**

associate professor of contemporary art, cocurated the exhibition *Coexistence: Contemporary Cultural Production in South Africa* with Marilyn Martin and Zola Mtshisa of the South African National Gallery in Cape Town. The exhibition opened at the Rose Art Museum on January 22 and is accompanied by a full-color, scholarly catalog. (See story, page 3.)

### **Eric Chasalow,**

professor of composition and director of the Brandeis Electro-Acoustic Music Studio, has been selected to receive a 2003 American Academy of Arts and Letters Award in Music.

### **Stanley Deser**

Enid and Nate Ancell Professor of Physics, was a plenary speaker at the Dirac Centennial Symposium in December at Florida State University. Paul A. M. Dirac ranks close to Einstein as a maker of modern physics.

### **Richard Gaskins**

professor of American studies and director of the legal studies program, has received a Fulbright Senior Specialists grant to the University of Wellington in New Zealand. Gaskins is among the first grantees under this new program, which offers two- to six-week grants to leading U.S. academics and professionals to support curricular and faculty development and institutional planning at institutions in 140 countries around the world.

### **David Gil**

professor and director, Center for Social Change, was invited to lecture on violence and terrorism at National Chung-Cheng University and Tunghai University in Taiwan in December 2002. He was also invited to speak on violence at the Council on Social Work Education Annual meeting in Atlanta in February 2003. His book, *Confronting Injustice and Oppression*, has been translated into German and is being published in Germany.

### **Robert Greenberg**

associate professor of philosophy, delivered an invited symposium paper, "Kant and Analytic Philosophy: Kant and Kaplan on Quantifying In," at the Eastern Division meeting of the American Philosophical Association, Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, in December 2002.

### **Olmanda Hernández-Guerrero**

lecturer in Spanish, presented three workshops on Exploring South American Literature and Culture, sponsored by the Massachusetts Foreign Language Association. She also spoke on Caribbean and South American Cuisine, Art, and Music at the International Cultural Festival in February 2003, at Brandeis.

### **Judith Herzfeld**

professor of biophysical chemistry, was selected as a Sigma Xi Distinguished Lecturer for 2003-05. Established in 1937, the Distinguished Lectures Program is one of Sigma Xi's oldest and most recognized programs.

### **Mark Hulliung**

professor of history, has received the Gilbert Chinard Book Prize of the Society for French Historical Studies for his book, *Citizens and Citoyens: Republicans and Liberals in America and France*. The Chinard Prize is awarded each year to a distinguished book published in North America on the history of France and the Americas or on the history of French-American relations and cross-cultural exchanges. The Prize recognizes comparative studies of the two nations as well as the history of specific French-American interactions.

### **Ray Jackendoff**

professor of linguistics and Volen National Center for Complex Systems, is the recipient of the Jean-Nicod Prize for 2003, which recognizes a leading philosopher of mind or philosophically oriented cognitive scientist. Jackendoff delivered four Jean-Nicod Lectures in Paris on March 24, 27, 31 and April 3.

### **Patricia A. Johnston**

professor of classical studies, organized and spoke at the Vergilian Society's 2002 symposium Cumanum, "The Cults of Magna Graecia," at the Villa Vergiliana, Cuma, Italy. The many cults of ancient Southern Italy and Sicily were the focus. She

attended a special ceremony at the il Museo Civico in Mondragone, Italy, in honor of a new study on Northern Campania. She was honored for her study of Lucilius and Horace. Also, her essay, "The Anger of Juno in Vergil's *Aeneid*," was included in the collection of essays, *Approaches to Teaching Vergil's Aeneid*, published in The Modern Language Association's *Approaches to Teaching World Literature*.

### **Edward K. Kaplan**

professor of French and comparative literature and chair, Program in Religious Studies, delivered three papers in fall 2002: "Reverie and Reverence: Gaston Bachelard's Dialogue with Martin Buber" at the Dallas Institute of Humanities and Culture; "Desire and Doubt: The Quest for Certainty in Lamartine, Hugo, and Baudelaire," at 19th-century French studies in Columbus, Ohio; and "Kierkegaard and Baudelaire" at the American Academy of Religion in Toronto. He published two articles: "Tentations de la foi: l'énergie poétique et morale de l'impossible chez Yves Bonnefoy," in *Dalhousie French Studies*; and "Reverence and Responsibility: Abraham J. Heschel on Nature and the Self," in HavaTirosh-Samuelson, ed., *Judaism and Ecology: Created World and Revealed Word*.



**Reuven Kimelman**

associate professor of Near Eastern and Judaic Studies, had his book, *The Mystical Meaning of Lekhah Dodi and Kabbalat Shabbat*, published by Magnes Press of the Hebrew University. This book focuses on the kabbalistic meaning of the Sabbath and its liturgy. He was also appointed as scholar-in-residence of the Jewish Community Center Association of America for 2003-05.

**Kevin King**

coordinator and instructor, English as a Second Language Graduate Program, had a poem published in the last issue of *Onthebus* and will have another poem in a forthcoming issue of *The Threepenny Review*.

**Blake LeBaron**

professor in the Graduate School of International Economics and Finance, presented "Artificial Agent Societies: A Computational Future for the Social Sciences" at the American Association for the Advancement of Science annual meeting in February.

**Avigdor Levy**

professor of Near Eastern and Judaic Studies, edited a volume, *Jews, Turks, Ottomans: A Shared History, Fifteenth through the Twentieth Century*. He presented a paper on "Professional Jewish Women in Turkey in the Early 20th Century" at the International Scholarly Exchange on Jewish Women in Turkey sponsored by the Hadassah International Research Institute on Jewish Women at Brandeis.

**Kanan Makiya**

professor of Middle Eastern studies, joined other opposition leaders at the White House in January for a discussion about a post-Saddam Hussein Iraq with President George W. Bush and top administration officials.

**Sarah Mead**

Artist-in-Residence in Music, Aaron Moulin, graduate student, and alumna Julia Deak, joined fellow viol players recently to produce the Viola da Gamba Society of New England recording of the complete four-part fantasias of Alfonso Ferrabosco, an English composer who lived in the early 1600s.

**Melissa J. Moore**

associate professor of biochemistry and Howard Hughes Medical Institute Associate Investigator, has been selected by the National Institutes of Health to serve as a member of the Cell Development and Function (1) Study Section, Center for Scientific Review. Members are selected on the basis of their demonstrated competence and achievement in their scientific discipline as evidenced by the quality of research accomplishments, publications in scientific journals, and other significant scientific achievements. Moore will serve as a member until June 2006.

**James D. Olesen**

professor of music and director of the University Chorus and Chamber Choir since 1972, was recently appointed chair of the Brandeis University music department.

**Vardit Ringvald**

director of the Hebrew, Arabic, and Asian Languages Program and lecturer in Hebrew, attended the Middle East Studies Association conference as the Hebrew representative for the National Middle Eastern Language Resource Center. She gave a poster presentation at the Heritage Languages in America Conference; made a presentation for Partnership and Excellence in Jewish Education; gave a presentation in Atlanta for Jewish Community Day schools; and was made a member of the Committee for SAT II in Hebrew.

**Amèlie Oksenberg Rorty**

professor of classical studies and director, Program in the History of Ideas, had her book, *The Many Faces of Philosophy*, published by Oxford University Press. She has been appointed to the American Philosophical Association Committee on Lectures, Publications, and Research and was invited to present a talk, "Happenstance and Patterns," at the annual meetings of the American Anthropological Association.

**Jonathan D. Sarna**

Joseph H. and Belle R. Braun Professor of American Jewish History, was awarded the Marshall Sklare Award of the Association for the Social Scientific Study of Jewry at this year's Association for Jewish Studies Conference in Los

Angeles. The award is given to a scholar for a career of distinguished research. Sarna is also serving as historian for the National Museum of American Jewish History. Currently under construction in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, the museum will open in 2006.

**Donald S. Shepard**

professor, The Heller School for Social Policy and Management, was elected as the economics representative to the Board of Councilors of the Pediatric Dengue Vaccine Initiative, an international organization to promote the development of a vaccine against the tropical disease dengue.

**Caldwell Titcomb**

professor of music emeritus, has contributed 50 articles to the two-volume *Oxford Encyclopedia of Theater and Performance*, recently published by the Oxford University Press. He is now in his 10th year as president of the Boston Theater Critics Association.

**Yehudi Wyner**

Naumberg Professor of Composition, had two new compositions performed: *Commedia for Clarinet and Piano* for Richard Stoltzman and Emanuel Ax and *Tuscan Triptych* (2003) for string orchestra which premiered October 2002 at Sanders Theater. He has been commissioned for a *Piano Concerto* by the Boston Symphony Orchestra to be premiered in April 2004. He was the composer-in-residence at the New England Conservatory of Music and his *Fantasies for Piano* (1963-2002) was published by Associated Music Publishers.

## Faculty

### **Stephen D. Dowden and Meike G. Werner, eds.**

Dowden is associate professor of German and chairs the Department of Germanic and Slavic Languages.

*German Literature, Jewish Critics: The Brandeis Symposium*  
Boydell & Brewer, Inc.

Among the Jewish academics and intellectuals expelled from Germany and Austria during the Nazi era were many specialists in German literature. Strangely, their impact on the practice of Germanistik in the United States, England, and Canada has been given little attention. Who were they? How did they help shape German studies in the postwar era? This symposium, which convened at Brandeis under the auspices of its Center for German and European Studies, addresses these and many other questions.

### **Benjamin Gomes-Casseres '76**

with James D. Bamford and Michael S. Robinson. Gomes-Casseres is associate professor of international business.

*Mastering Alliance Strategy: A Comprehensive Guide to Design, Management, and Organization*  
Jossey Bass/Wiley

This book presents state-of-the-art thinking and practices for using partnerships effectively. It is written to help managers understand and use alliances better, and to help teach alliance strategy in business schools. The authors draw ideas and tools from years of research and reporting on these four key elements: (1) designing and crafting the alliance; (2) managing the alliance after it is launched; (3) leveraging a constellation of alliances; and (4) building an internal alliance capability.

### **Mark Hulliung**

Professor of History

*Citizens and Citoyens: Republicans and Liberals in America and France*  
Harvard University Press

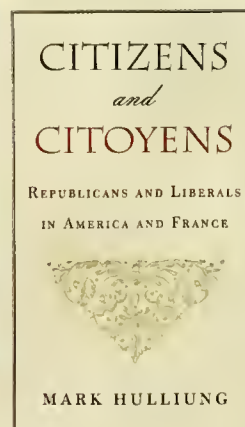
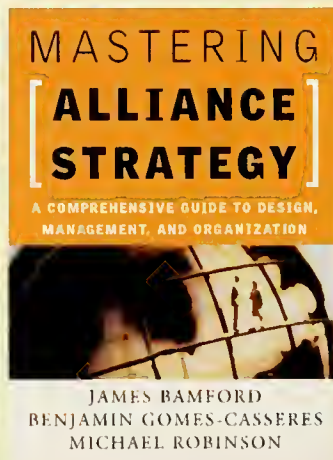
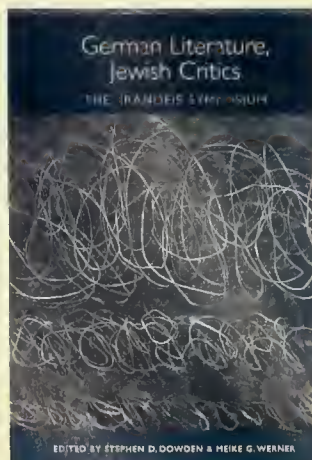
In this tour de force of comparative intellectual history, the author challenges conventional wisdom about the political nature of the "sister republic," America and France. Hulliung argues that the standard American account of a continuous Jacobin republican tradition is fatally misleading. In reality it was the 19th-century French liberals who undermined the cause of liberalism, and it was French republicans who eventually saved liberal ideals. Comparison with France provides evidence that the American republic was from the beginning liberal and republican.

### **Avigdor Levy, ed.**

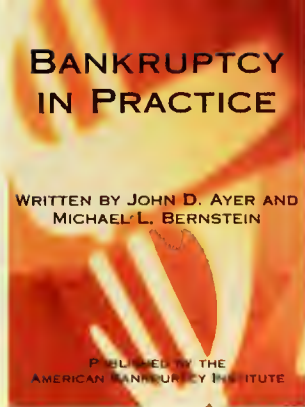
Professor of Near Eastern and Judaic Studies

*Jews, Turks, Ottomans: A Shared History. Fifteenth Through the Twentieth Century*  
Syracuse University Press

In this volume, leading scholars from Israel, Turkey, Europe, and the United States offer new information on Jewish life in the Ottoman Empire and modern Turkey. The book discusses the structure of the Jewish community, its organization and institutions; the place Jews occupied in the Ottoman economy; Jewish scholarship and its contribution to Ottoman and Turkish culture, science, and medicine; and the participation of Jews in the processes of social, economic, and political modernization in the 19th and 20th centuries.







## Alumni

### Antony Polonsky, ed.

Albert Abramson Professor of Holocaust Studies

*Polin: Studies in Polish Jewry, Volume 15—Focusing on Jewish Religious Life, 1500-1900*

The Littman Library of Jewish Civilization

This volume highlights new research on Jewish spiritual and religious life in Poland before modern political ideas began to transform the Jewish world. It covers a range of topics including rabbinic scholarship and Purim festivities in the 16th and 17th centuries and Jewish spirituality in the 18th century. There is also an extensive survey of the papal Holocaust papers, as well as contributions relating to education for girls, Auschwitz as a site of memories, and aspects of Jewish literature, politics, society, and economics.

### Bernard Reisman, Ph.D. '70 and Joel I. Reisman

Bernard Reisman is professor emeritus in the Hornstein Program in Jewish Communal Service.

*The New Jewish Experiential Book*  
KTAV Publishing House, Inc.

This new edition of Reisman's classic compendium of informal education, which revolutionized much of Jewish educational practice with its appearance in 1978, enriches the storehouse of resources from which professional educators and lay program leaders can draw in order to address timeless and timely concerns. For those who know the importance of experiential and informal education and want to learn from the master and "founding father," this book will prove a highly valuable guide and companion.

### Michael L. Bernstein '86

and John D. Ayer. Bernstein is a partner in the bankruptcy practice group at Arnold & Porter in Washington, D.C.

*Bankruptcy in Practice*  
American Bankruptcy Institute

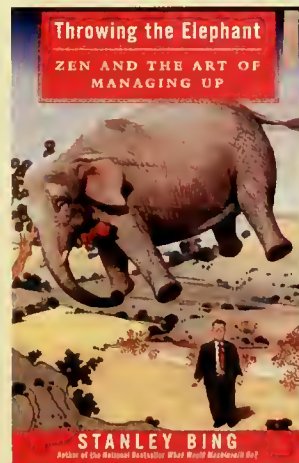
This book offers a framework for understanding bankruptcy law, along with equipment with which to face the practical necessities of the day; offering a mix of doctrine and practical counsel. It briefs the reader on the governing law and doctrine, but also provides practical guidance on the problems facing the practicing bankruptcy lawyer day in and day out. It also offers some insight into the framework of the bankruptcy system.

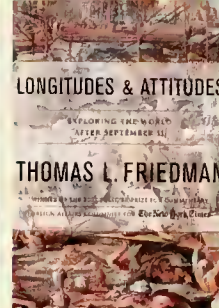
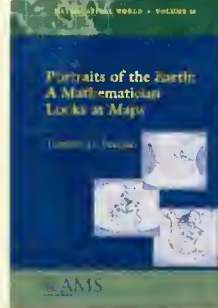
### Stanley Bing '73

Bing is a columnist for *Fortune* magazine and the author of *What Would Machiavelli Do?* and *Lloyd: What Happened*.

*Throwing the Elephant: Zen and the Art of Managing Up*  
HarperBusiness

The technique is as simple as throwing an elephant. All it takes is the proper state of mind, a step-by-step plan, and a great leap of faith. This guide provides all these and more. It is Zen that enables one to take an object of enormous weight and size and mold it in one's grasp like a ball of Silly Putty®; for senior management is the silliest putty of them all. This course walks business bodhisattvas through basic skills needed to provide the simple elephant handling that makes everyday life possible.





**Michael Comenetz, M.A. '67, Ph.D. '72**  
Comenetz teaches at St. John's College in Annapolis.

*Calculus: The Elements*  
World Scientific

This book provides a full and clear account of the essentials of calculus, presented in an engaging style that is readable and mathematically precise. Concepts and central ideas are emphasized throughout. Physical examples and interpretations play a leading role, and alternative approaches to fundamental ways of thinking help the student develop the intuitive understanding so important in science and engineering. Many questions and problems, with detailed solutions, encourage active reading and independent thought.

**Ruth Katz Crispin '62**  
Crispin is associate professor of Spanish at the University of the Sciences of Philadelphia.

*Song of the Self: The Poetry of Pedro Salinas*  
La Sirena

Pedro Salinas is a love poet of the 20th century, a major figure of the brilliant "pleiad" of Spanish writers who came to prominence before the Civil War. This study traces the development of the voice that speaks in his work, arguing that for Salinas poetry was not

simply a matter of writing poems, it also involved the construction of a self within those texts. The author shows how Salinas's work draws on the legacy of Romanticism and is nurtured by an unconscious rivalry with the great 17th-century Baroque poet, Francisco de Quevedo.

**Lily Diaz-Kommonen '81**  
Diaz-Kommonen is a senior researcher at the Media Lab UIAH.

*Art, Fact, and Artifact Production*  
University of Art and Design, Helsinki, Finland

This dissertation analyzes how knowledge is introduced by the different actors working together at the intersection where arts, humanities, and the new media meet. Two complementing voices are presented: one building theory of how art, facts, and artifacts are produced and the other reporting the process that contributed to those insights. The final objective is the creation of the Raisio Archaeology Archives, an archives consisting of digital representations of archaeological materials about the culture of southwestern Finland from the late Iron Age to the early Middle Ages.

**Bonnie Effros '87**  
Effros is associate professor of history at Binghamton University (SUNY).

*Caring for Body & Soul: Burial and the Afterlife in the Merovingian World*  
The Pennsylvania State University Press

The relationship between the living and the dead was especially significant in defining community identity and spiritual belief in the early medieval world. For clerics and laypersons alike, funerals and burial sites were important means for establishing or extending power over rival families and monasteries and commemorating ancestors. In *Caring for Body & Soul* Effros reveals the social significance of burial rites in early medieval Europe during the time of the Merovingian, or so-called "long-haired" kings from 500 to 800 C.E.

**Timothy G. Feeman '78**  
Feeman is a professor of mathematical sciences at Villanova University, Pennsylvania.

*Portraits of the Earth: A Mathematician Looks at Maps*  
American Mathematical Society

This is the first modern book to present the problem of mapping the Earth in a style that is highly readable and mathematically accessible to most students. Through the visual context of maps and mapmaking, students will see how contemporary mathematics can help them to understand and explain the world. This book would be of interest for a basic undergraduate

mathematics or geography course and would be especially appealing to the teacher who is interested in exciting visual applications in the classroom.

**Thomas L. Friedman '75**  
Friedman has won the Pulitzer Prize three times for his work at *The New York Times*. He is the author of two best-selling books: *From Beirut to Jerusalem* and *The Lexus and the Olive Tree: Understanding Globalization*.

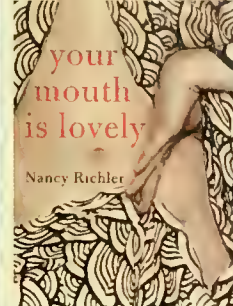
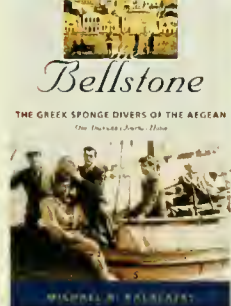
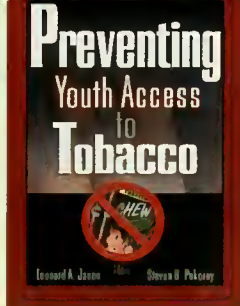
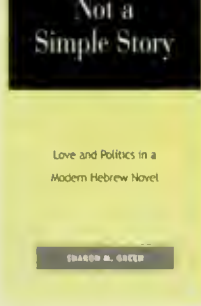
*Longitudes & Attitudes: Exploring the World after September 11*  
Farrar Straus Giroux

*Longitudes & Attitudes* is made up of columns Friedman has published about September 11, as well as a diary of his private experiences and reflections during his reporting on the post-September 11 world, as the author travels from Afghanistan to Israel to Europe to Indonesia to Saudi Arabia. He talks with the major players in the story and to men and women in bazaars, schools, and alleyways, developing and refining his perspective on the new kind of war America finds itself fighting.

**Sharon Mintz Green '79, Ph.D. '96**  
Green teaches modern Jewish literature at the University of Toronto.

*Not a Simple Story: Love and Politics in a Modern Hebrew Novel*  
Lexington Books





*Not a Simple Story* presents the modern Hebrew writer Shmuel Yosef Agnon as an artist *cum* thinker whose novels and short stories manifest a deep understanding of the social and political crisis at the heart of modern Jewish life. This book argues that Agnon was essentially a Jewish nationalist and secular modernist whose critical portrait of modern Jewish life seeks not to demean Jews but to hold them to a higher standard. By showing what Jewish society lacks, he shows what it needs for it to thrive—a return to such lost notions as Jewish self-respect, heroism, and romantic love.

**Leonard A. Jason '71** and Steven B. Pokorny, eds. Jason is director of the Center for Community Research and professor of psychology at DePaul University.

*Preventing Youth Access to Tobacco*  
The Haworth Press, Inc.

*Preventing Youth Access to Tobacco* examines the components of a preventive public health intervention directed at reducing the rate of youth tobacco use. This book describes this innovative intervention, which involves making tobacco more difficult for young people to acquire and calls for fines for possession of tobacco. It also gives an essential review of current literature on this topic, shows how to assess a community's readiness to change, and explains how to judge the comprehensiveness of school-based tobacco interventions.

**Michael N. Kalafatas '65**  
For more than 20 years Kalafatas served as director of admissions at Brandeis.

*The Bellstone: The Greek Sponge Divers of the Aegean*  
University Press of New England

In 1995, Kalafatas discovered an epic poem titled *Winter Dream* written by his grandfather, Metrophanes Kalafatas. The poem, composed a century earlier in Greek, recounts the plight of sponge divers confronted with deadly new technology. With the poem as his bellstone, Kalafatas dove into the past to explore his heritage. While tracing the historical and cultural contours of this uniquely Greek livelihood, Kalafatas carries the reader from the Dodecanese Islands in the 19th century to Constantinople and the Black Sea as well as to contemporary Tarpon Springs, Florida, and Melbourne, Australia—the far-flung outposts of the Greek sponge-diving diaspora. He portrays the hubris of young sponge divers defying the odds; the passion of their wives and mothers in protesting the new diving suits; the venality of international capitalists intent on maximizing their investments; and the courage of the Dodecanese people in adapting to catastrophic changes beyond their control.

**Margot Kempers '74, M.A. '83, Ph.D. '86**  
Kempers is assistant professor of sociology at Fitchburg State College, Fitchburg, Massachusetts.

*Community Matters: An Exploration of Theory and Practice*  
Burnham, Inc.

This book is about what matters in community and about how community matters. The author's initial claim is that the social phenomenon recognized as "community" is fundamental and unavoidable. Her second claim is that the concerns and activities that unfold in those entities known as communities are equally important, for they provide insight to how we are connected to and implicated in the lives of others and reveal the unpredictable and creative character of community. Thus, she provides this analytic approach, beginning with the understanding that community is a dynamic process.

**A. David Lewis '99**  
Lewis is the coordinator, graduate admissions and outreach at the Georgetown School of Nursing and Health Studies.

*Mortal Coils #2*  
Red Eye Press

Like its predecessor, comic book *Mortal Coils #2* features a pair of stories—"What Gazes Also" and "Vaya Con Dios"—written by A. David Lewis. Drawing from the works of Friedrich Nietzsche and Joseph Conrad, "What Gazes Also" takes readers through the most atypical television studio ever—the set of *Irreality Chasm*. In "Vaya Con Dios" a casino bar plays host to the last battle of two feuding, powerful families fallen to ruins.

**Lisa Mulcahy '86**  
Mulcahy is a theater teacher, director, performer, and multimedia writer.

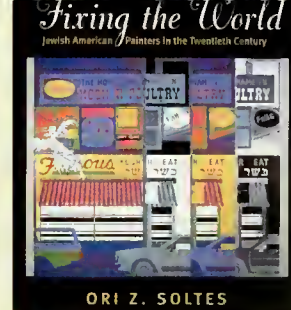
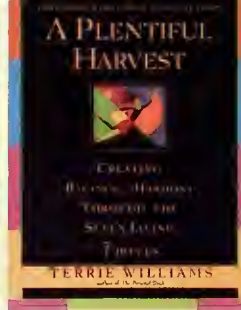
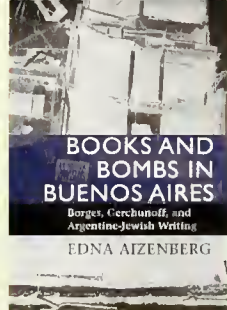
*Building the Successful Theater Company*  
Allworth Press

What makes a theater company successful? The author poses the question to leaders from 14 of the country's most diverse and vital theater companies, and offers answers in *Building the Successful Theater Company*. Producers, stage managers, directors—anyone dreaming of running a theater troupe—will benefit from the practical guidance, amusing anecdotes, and sincere advice in this peek behind the curtains of the often difficult, always seductive, profession of theater.

**Matthew Serbin Pittinsky, ed.**  
**Arthur Levine '70, contributor**  
Levine is president of Columbia University Teacher's College

*The Wired Tower: Perspectives on the Impact of the Internet on Higher Education*  
Pearson Education

*The Wired Tower* makes sense of the changes that are being wrought by the Internet and related technologies, and explores which aspects of Internet-related change offer the greatest long-term promise, which are superficial, and which should be rejected. Arthur Levine writes on what to preserve, what to change, and how



the forces reshaping higher education can reinvigorate its historic mission.

#### Nancy Richler '79

Richler lives in Vancouver, British Columbia, and her short stories have been published in literary journals in Canada and the United States.

*Your Mouth is Lovely*  
HarperCollins Publishers

Miriam is a 19-year-old imprisoned in Siberia following the 1905 Russian Revolution. Reaching out to the young daughter whom she gave up at birth, Miriam weaves a haunting tale of life in a small, Jewish village during the last days of imperial Russia and of a community caught between the rich yet rigid traditions of the past and frightening, unfamiliar ways of a society desperately trying to reinvent itself. A story of epic human drama, *Your Mouth is Lovely* is a poetic, dreamy novel with a darkly magical sheen.

#### Lesley A. Sharp '78

Sharp is assistant professor of anthropology at Barnard College.

*The Sacrificed Generation: Youth, History, and the Colonized Mind in Madagascar*  
University of California Press

Youth and identity politics figure prominently in this study of personal and collective memory in Madagascar. An ethnography of historical consciousness, it challenges many cross-cultural investigations of youth,

for its key actors are not adults but schoolchildren. The author insists on the political agency of Malagasy youth who, as they decipher their current predicament, offer potent, historicized critiques of colonial violence, nationalist resistance, foreign mass media, and schoolyard survival.

#### Becky Thompson, M.A. '86, Ph.D. '91

Thompson is associate professor of sociology at Simmons College.

*A Promise and a Way of Life: White Antiracist Activism*  
University of Minnesota Press

This book weaves an account of the past half-century based on the life histories of 39 people who have placed antiracist activism at the center of their lives. Through fascinating narrative that links individual experiences with social and political history, Thompson shows the ways, public and personal, in which whites have opposed racism during several social movements: the Civil Rights and Black Power movements, multiracial feminism, and activism against the prison industry.

#### Terrie Williams '75

Williams is the president of The Terrie Williams Agency, a New York City-based marketing and communications firm.

*A Plentiful Harvest: Creating Balance and Harmony Through the Seven Living Virtues*  
Warner Books

She was president of one of the country's top publicity agencies, a best-selling author, and a popular speaker for Fortune 500 companies and academia alike. Yet Terrie Williams felt more stressed out than successful, frantic instead of fulfilled. One sleepless night, Williams found a Kwanzaa card under her bed. She realized that its cornerstone seven "living virtues" were a powerful way to rediscover joy, meaning, and balance. In this book she helps you find your personal "plenty" through meditations, weekly practices, and journal exercises.

#### Brandeis University Press

*Books and Bombs in Buenos Aires: Borges, Gerchunoff, and Argentine-Jewish Writing*  
Edna Aizenberg

On July 18, 1994, a bomb blew up in downtown Buenos Aires, killing more than 80 people and leveling an entire city block. This attack forms the backdrop for the author's literary exploration. She believes that racial and ethnic prejudice have hindered Argentina and other Latin American countries from being truly pluralistic societies in which difference is celebrated, not merely tolerated. She argues, however, that the work of 20th-century Argentine-Jewish writers offers a literary and cultural antidote to traditional oppressive forces.

Aizenberg is professor and chair of Spanish at Marymount Manhattan College and visiting professor of Jewish literature at the Jewish Theological Seminary.

*Brave New Judaism: When Science and Scripture Collide*  
Miriam Z. Wahrman

Is human cloning kosher? Does Jewish law accept the production and use of stem cells? Are there "Jewish genes" that define Jews as a unique group? The author addresses these and other questions by examining how Judaism interprets and responds to recent advances in biomedical science. *Brave New Judaism* offers a broad Jewish perspective on compelling issues, showing how Judaism has coped with current scientific inventions and technologies and how Jewish law has creatively kept pace with the modern world.

Wahrman is professor of biology at William Paterson University of New Jersey, where she codirects the Center for Holocaust and Genocide Studies.

#### Brandeis Series in American Jewish History, Culture, and Life

*Fixing the World: Jewish American Painters in the Twentieth Century*  
Ori Z. Soltes

What is Jewish art? Is there something inherent in a self-portrait by Russian painter Marc Chagall that links it to the social realism of American painters like Raphael Soyer or Ben Shahn? And, among American





painters, what have the Holocaust-inspired works of Ben-Zion, Leon Golub, and Alice Lok Cahana to do with the abstract expressionism of Barnett Newman or the comic strip fragments of Roy Lichtenstein? Focusing on an array of work by over 80 artists, Soltes explores themes ranging from the trials of immigration, depictions of urban life and politics, renderings of the Holocaust, and the spiritual yearnings of contemporary feminist painters.

Soltes teaches in the theology and fine arts departments at Georgetown University and is the former director and curator of the B'nai B'rith Klutznick National Jewish Museum.

### The Tauber Institute for the Study of European Jewry

*The Pure Element of Time*  
Haim Be'er

*The Pure Element of Time* is a novel about a writer's development. With his keen eye and opulent writing style, the author turns the story of his childhood and maturity into a complex and gripping work of art. Constructed as a triptych, the book begins with the author's boyhood. Be'er was influenced by his overly pious grandmother, a natural storyteller whose richly evocative parables and tales inspired his lifelong love for language. The emergence of the writer's individual literary voice forms the emotional and psychological core of Be'er's work.

Be'er was born in Jerusalem in 1945 to an Orthodox family. He presently works as an editor at Am Oved Publishers.

*Painting a People: Maurycy Gottlieb and Jewish Art*  
Ezra Mendelsohn

In the course of his very short life, Gottlieb painted dozens of extraordinary works that have since found homes in museums in Eastern Europe, where he has long been honored as a Polish artist, and in Israel, where, following a major Tel Aviv exhibition in 1991, he achieved the status of a founding father of Jewish art. Interpreting the paintings and their reception, the author addresses several key issues in modern Jewish history, among them identity, assimilation, acculturation, and nationalism.

Mendelsohn teaches in the Departments of Russian and East European Studies and Contemporary Jewry at the Hebrew University of Jerusalem.

*Small Change: A Collection of Stories*  
Yehudit Hendel

In this collection of short stories, Hendel maps out a shadow land between life and death, the mundane and the fantastic. These eight stories offer variations on the themes of loneliness, family ties, obsession, and regret in contemporary Israel. The title story, "Small Change," is a horrifying look into the paranoid mind of an Israeli woman and her troubled relationship with her father. The author's close attention to detail, the spareness of

her writing, and her utter lack of sentimentality create a world of heightened and suppressed emotions.

Hendel was born into a rabbinical family in Warsaw. She immigrated to Israel as a child in 1930 and grew up in Haifa.

*Reading Hebrew Literature: Critical Discussions of Six Modern Texts*  
Alan Mintz, ed.

The volume explores the many ways Israeli literature is read in the United States. In it, 18 pre-eminent U.S. and Israeli Hebrew literature schools offer commentary on one of six seminal texts. The texts, printed in English and Hebrew, are either short stories or poems, and range from "old" classics by the best-known writers in Hebrew of the first decades of the 20th century, to the contemporary, modernist work of two women authors, Amalia Cahana-Karmon and Dalia Ravikovitch.

Mintz is the Chana Kekst Professor of Hebrew Literature at the Jewish Theological Seminary in New York.

### Recordings

**Arthur J. Levy '69, executive producer**  
Levy has worked and appeared with some of the great artists.

*Tanz!*  
*Abe Schwartz: The Klezmer King*  
*From Avenue A to the Great White Way: Yiddish & American Popular Songs from 1914-1950*  
Legacyrecordings.com  
Sonymusic.com

*Tanz!*, the most sought-after LP in all of klezmer lore, in which legendary clarinetist Dave Tarras and his son-in-law Sam Musiker collaborated in 1955 on the groundbreaking fusion of traditional klezmer with a jazz head; *Abe Schwartz: The Klezmer King*, a celebration of Columbia Records' pioneering talent scout circa 1917 to 1935—A&R man, bandleader, arranger, and composer—on 25 tracks by various artists and orchestras; *From Avenue A to the Great White Way: Yiddish & American Popular Songs 1914-1950*, an essential 50-track double-CD collection that explores the roots of Yiddish recordings and the music's entry into American pop culture via Fannie Brice, Eddie Cantor, Benny Goodman, and many more.

**George Kahn '73**  
Kahn is a jazz pianist and composer whose mission is to recapture the magic of jazz.

*Midnight Brew*  
Sudhana Music

This CD covers a wide spectrum of jazz, from bebop to standards to funk to Latin to "smooth" jazz. The idea that holds it all together is that the groove comes first, last, and always. The melody supports the groove. The solos stay in the groove. This music grooves—and you can groove with it.

## Alumni Share Their Expertise

Regional clubs invite their own members to share their expertise on a variety of topics. These events provide an opportunity to engage alumni and make them aware of each other's accomplishments and endeavors as well as provide a network of support for others. If you are

interested in sharing your expertise or opening up your home to host a program, please contact your Club president directly or contact Autumn Haynes, senior associate director of alumni relations, at 800-333-1948, [ahaynes@brandeis.edu](mailto:ahaynes@brandeis.edu).

### Minority Alumni Network

On January 29, 2003, the Minority Alumni Network presented *Creating Connections: Alumni and Students of Color Networking Event* to the student body in the Intercultural Center's Swig Lounge. Students participated in informal roundtable discussions with alumni from a variety of professions. The following alumni attended the event, and spoke with the students about their careers and educational choices: Zeus Estrada '82, Herman

Hemingway '53, Marsha Jackson '74, Justice Edward Redd '71, Shirley Redd '73, Sharyn Sooho '69, and Peter Wong '89. The planning committee of students and alumni included, Mabray Andrews '74, Stephen Bell '71, Iris Kimber '72, Ernesto Lopez TYP, Amrita Palriwala '03, Joanne Wan '03, and Rongrong Zhang '05.

### Alumni Club of Northern California

A prominent figure in the women's movement, cofounder of *Ms. Magazine*, and author of eight works of nonfiction, Letty Cottin Pogrebin '59 has published her first novel and was happy to invite Bay Area alumni to hear her read from it on October 22 at Cody's Books in Berkeley. Alumni were treated to a private reception with the author following the program.

### Alumni Club of Northern New Jersey

Alumni and current students were invited for a Brandeis Professional Networking event, hosted by Brad Kaplan '94 at the law firm of Riker, Danzig, Scherer, Hyland, and Perretti, in Morristown. The fields of education, entrepreneurship, finance, health care, law, and technology were represented. In addition, there were keynote speeches about how to market yourself and make career choices made by Tracy Tyler '86 and Mike Ramer '88.

### Alumni Club of New York City

Barry Epstein '78, owner of Tolchin Epstein Associates, LLC, presented "Business Killers: How to Avoid the Six Mistakes that Can Kill a Successful Business" to the Entrepreneurs Network on November 11. Vic Ney '81 and Adam Sheer '92 chaired this event held at Brandeis House.

The Allied Health Professionals Network presented a panel on the Integrative Approaches to Health and Healing on November 13 at Brandeis House. The moderator was Dr. Dara Neumann Kessler '95, holistic dentistry, and panelists included Dr. Eric Braverman '79, integrative medicine; Ronnie Lichtman '71, midwife; and Dr. Scott Gerson '76, aryuvedic medicine.

On November 19, the Media Network hosted a networking reception for alumni who work in the fields of advertising, communications, entertainment, journalism, publishing, radio, and television, in the first of what will hopefully be a number of events sponsored by this new alumni network in New York City.



Shirley Redd '73 (right) with student



A full Brandeis House for Chocolate Tasting with Stephanie Zonis '82



Victor Ney '81 and  
Terrie Williams '75



The Young Lawyers Network gathered for their fall networking reception at Brandeis House on November 20.

Stephanie Zonis '82, chocolate critic and columnist, led a group of alumni in a guided chocolate tasting of truffles. An extremely popular program, The Alumni Club of New York City was unable to accommodate all those who were interested in attending, as chocolates were pre-ordered from chocolatiers from different

parts of the country. Perhaps Stephanie will be available to take another group on a chocolate journey in the future.

Robert F.X. Sillerman '70, chair and chief executive officer of The Sillerman Companies, a diversified New York communications and management corporation, spoke to alumni at Brandeis House at a program sponsored by the Entrepreneurs Network. He spoke about his humble beginnings as a Brandeis student, his triumphs as an entrepreneur in the media and entertainment industries, and offered his business advice to fellow entrepreneurs.

#### Alumni Club of Westchester County

On October 20, 2002, Gil Schwartz '73 (a.k.a. Stanley Bing) presented his new book, *Throwing the Elephant: Zen and the Art of Managing Up*, at the home of Mark and Elaine Heimberger Tulis '72 in Chappaqua. Neil Sullivan, Ph.D. '78, professor at the School of Public Affairs, Baruch College, City University of New York, presented "Stadium Welfare: The Legacy of Sports and the Public Purse" to alumni on December 8 at the home of club president, Davida Shapiro Scher '69. Stephen Abelman '68 chaired the event.



Robert F.X. Sillerman '70,  
Nathan R. Light Geller '80,  
Earle Kazis '55, and  
Jonathan G. Davis '75

## Recent Graduates Network

If you would like to help with the Network in your city, contact your local club president (see page 49) or call Autumn Haynes, senior associate director of alumni relations, at 800-333-1948, [ahaynes@brandeis.edu](mailto:ahaynes@brandeis.edu).

#### Alumni Club of New York City

Brandeis House was filled with laughter during performances by our own Leigh Kessler '97 and The Late Night Players (Jay Gertelman '02, Aaron Kagan '02, Seth D. Michaels '01, Seth Reibstein '02, Zach Sherwin '02, and

Andrew Slack '02). Recent Graduates Network cochairs Bram Weber '97 and Erica Lowenfels '98 hosted alumni for a night of comedy and cocktails on October 17, 2002. A holiday happy hour at The Cocktail Room was cochaired by Seth Borden '95 and Steven Pickman '01 on December 11.

Members met on a Sunday morning in February to volunteer at a soup kitchen on the Upper West Side of Manhattan. The alumni volunteers helped to prepare and serve a warm meal for close to 100 New York City citizens. Chaired by Alexandra Roth '02, the event was dubbed a success by the alumni who attended. It was a program that not

only allowed the alumni to informally gather and socialize with each other, but also gave them an opportunity to reach out to members of the greater New York community in a meaningful way. A number of new faces to the Recent Graduates Network came out to support the efforts of the network.

Based on the positive response to this program, which supplements a calendar of social and networking events, the committee is planning additional volunteer and community service programs for the future.

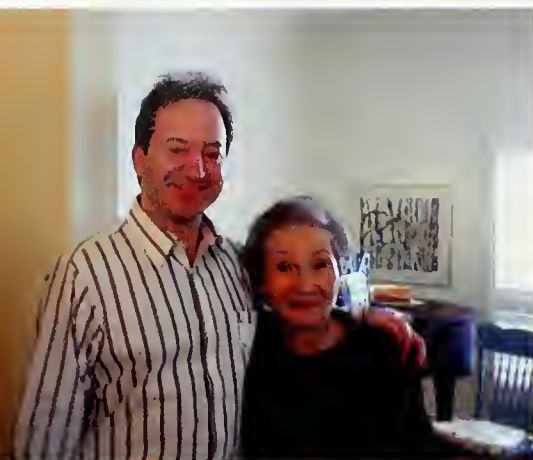
#### Alumni Club of Southern California

Recent graduates gathered at Gotham Hall in Santa Monica on November 14 and enjoyed cocktails and appetizers while lounging around and shooting pool. It was a great opportunity for people to reconnect, network, and make some new friends. Debra Curtis '91 chaired the Mixer.

#### Alumni Club of Greater Boston

The Recent Graduates Network enjoyed a wine tasting at Best Cellars in Brookline on January 28. Wendy Morris Berliner '95 chaired the event.

## Alumni Clubs Host Faculty



Above: Dan Lyon '77 and his former professor, Ruth Morgenthau, in Toronto

Right: Toronto alumni and spouses Neil '62 and Myra Wiener, Betty Leventhal '65, Barry Kay, and Donna Lubin Goldman '74



Seattle alumni

Brandeis University and the Alumni Association offer the Faculty-in-the-Field program in order to give Brandeis alumni the opportunity to interact with prominent faculty, meet former professors, and sample the intellectual teaching atmosphere of the University today. If you are interested in becoming involved in your area, contact your Club president or Autumn Haynes, senior associate director of alumni relations, at 800-333-1948, [ahaynes@brandeis.edu](mailto:ahaynes@brandeis.edu).

### Alumni Club of Arizona

On January 9, 2003, club president Ronald Lowe '69 and his wife, Ninfa, parents of Michael '05, hosted alumni, parents, and students at their home in Paradise Valley for an informal discussion with David Cunningham, assistant professor of sociology, and undergraduate advising head.

### Alumni Club of Greater Boston

The Downtown Lunch Series kicked off the season on November 13 with Rosalind Barnett, senior research scientist at the Women's Studies Research Center. She discussed her research about part-time jobs and their benefits and issues for employees and employers. Alumni gather every other month at the downtown Boston firm of Brown Rudnick Berlack Israels, where the host is Lawrence Uchill '69. The series chair is Barbara Cantor Sherman '54.

The Brandeis Breakfast Series began its season with James Callahan, Jr., Ph.D. '68, professor and director of the Policy Center on Aging at The Heller School for Social Policy and Management. He discussed societal issues of an aging society and how we are not prepared to handle them. The series is held on campus and is cochaired by Mitch Cohen '76 and Karen Gitten Gobler '89.

### Alumni Club of West Coast Florida

The Club was pleased to host Shulamit Reinharz, Ph.D. '77, the Jacob S. Potofsky Professor of Sociology and codirector, Hadassah International Research Institute on Jewish Women, in Sarasota on January 12, 2003.

### Alumni Club of Northern New Jersey

Jerry Cohen, associate professor of American Studies, presented "Iraq, the War on Terrorism, and the Divestment of Israel: The College Scene" to alumni and guests on December 15. Club president David Spiler '86 and his spouse, Suzy Glazer '87, opened up their home in Livingston for this reunion between professor and students.

### Seattle

Associate Provost, Associate Vice President for Development, and Lecturer in Chemistry Arthur Reis made a forensic science presentation for alumni in Seattle on January 8, 2003. Thanks go to Heather Davidson '02, Pam Grieff '85, Joseph Landes '95, Becky Lu '00, Ruth Schneider Raskind '91, Becky Sternberg '96, and AAC Chair Beth Linder Weisberg '61 for helping to organize this gathering.

### Alumni Club of Toronto

The Club hosted Ruth Morgenthau, professor emeritus of politics, at the home of club president, Mark Surchin '78. This lively discussion centered on the theme "Canada, Mexico, and the United States in an Insecure World." Many of the alumni in attendance were Morgenthau's former students who enjoyed having the chance to see each other again.



President Reinharz meets a new member of the Brandeis family, Ari, with parents Noah Carp '95 and Risa Soble Carp '95



## Annual Alumni Events

### Alumni Club of Greater Boston

A Holiday Reception for Greater Boston alumni and their families was held on December 8, 2002 at the newly opened Carl and Ruth Shapiro Campus Center. Alumni and family members were treated with student-led tours of the spectacular new facility and entertained by two student a cappella groups. President Jehuda Reinharz, Ph.D. '72, gave remarks. All had a day filled with pride, joy, and camaraderie at their *alma mater*.

### Alumni Club of Chicago

The Annual Alumni and Student Broomball Game and Pizza Party was chaired by Marci Sperling Flynn '85 at the Centennial Ice Rink in Wilmette on January 4.

### Alumni Club of England

The Club's 15th Annual Thanksgiving Day Tea was held at the home of Alberta Gotthardt Strage '56 in London on November 24, 2002. Alumni and students were invited to meet each other and hear Dame Ruth Deech, M.A. '66, principal of St. Anne's College at Oxford, speak on "Public Policy—Private Lives." Deech is the former chair of the Human Fertilisation & Embryology Authority (HFEA).

### Alumni Club of New York City

The Holiday Party and Open House on December 3, 2002, welcomed alumni, friends, and family members to Brandeis House.



President Reinharz greets alumni in the atrium of the new Carl and Ruth Shapiro Campus Center

## Brandeis Alumni College in Spain

Join alumni and friends of the University for an exclusive summer 2003 trip to Spain's Castile region.

Alumni Campus Abroad trips are all-inclusive, educational excursions, which we believe deliver excellent value. Our Alumni College in Spain leaves July 8 and returns on July 16. This trip is \$2,295 and cancellation protection is available.

James Mandrell, professor of romance and comparative literature, and film studies, will accompany Brandeis travelers to the captivating region of Castile—the high plateau of central Spain. Mandrell is the author of *Don Juan and the Point of Honor: Seduction, Patriarchal Society, and the Literary Tradition*. Your home for seven wonderful nights is the ancient town of Avila where you will stay in the modern, first-class Palacio Valderrabanos Gran Hotel. Three meals each day are included.

Your trip will include daily excursions with knowledgeable tour guides who will provide an in-depth look at one corner of the world. This trip is a special combination of attractions that promises you an outstanding, once-in-a-lifetime travel and learning experience.

Airfare from Boston is included. For more information about

the Brandeis University Alumni Travel Program please contact Karen Youman '98, associate director, alumni and University relations, at 781-736-4048 or 800-333-1948. Email [kyouman@brandeis.edu](mailto:kyouman@brandeis.edu). You may also view schedules and itineraries through the Alumni Website at <http://alumni.brandeis.edu>.

## Future Alumni of Brandeis Bring Alumni and Students Together

Future Alumni of Brandeis (FAB) is the student-chaired arm of the Brandeis University Alumni Association. FAB strives to create and develop lasting relationships between students and Brandeis University alumni, through networking, educational, and social programs. FAB also manages the appearances of the Brandeis Mascot, Ollie the Owl. Our new initiative, the FAB Liaison Program, is a group of current students who want to strengthen the relationship between alumni and students by becoming active with the alumni clubs from their hometowns. The cochairs of FAB are Elida Kamine '03 and Emily Meltzer '04 and can be reached at [fab@alumni.brandeis.edu](mailto:fab@alumni.brandeis.edu) or 781-736-4117.

### World of Health and Medicine

On November 12, 2002, FAB offered the World of Health and Medicine to students interested in pursuing health professions. Alumni guests were on hand to speak with students in an informal roundtable format. We thank the following

alumni for taking the time to visit campus for this event: Jessie Glasser '01, second-year student, Tufts School of Medicine; Mary Ellen Heike '90 (M.M.H.S., Heller), director of managed care, Massachusetts General Hospital; Gary Jacobson '58, psychiatrist/chief medical officer, Westwood Pembroke Health System; Stephen Lessnick '89, pediatric oncologist, Dana-Farber Cancer Institute; and Marie-Eileen O'Nial '95 (M.M.H.S., Heller), health policy coordinator, Massachusetts Department of Public Health. Premed student, Sharon Goldsmith '04, chaired the event and was supported by FAB Committee members Dodi Goldstein '05 and Sharon Schlesinger '03.

### FAB Welcomed Back Linda Scherzer '82

On November 21, 2002, FAB sponsored a brown-bag lunch event on the media coverage of Israel. Linda Scherzer '82, senior partner, Scherzer, Dubin & Associates, is a former Middle East correspondent for CNN and Israel Television. Scherzer shared her view about the media's coverage of Israel by relating her firsthand experiences as CNN's correspondent in Jerusalem from 1988 to 1993, when she covered the first Palestinian uprising, the Gulf War, and the Middle East Peace Process with students, alumni, faculty, and staff on campus. Linda was also happy to reconnect with former professor and friend Stephen Whitfield, Ph.D. '72.



**Linda Scherzer '82**

### Winter Break Beach Party

FAB and the Alumni Club of South Florida hosted a beach party during winter break on January 5, 2003. Club President Gil Drozdow '79 hosted the event at the Golden Beach Municipal Beach. FAB Liaison Dorianna Andrade '04 rounded up the students to attend.

## Upcoming Alumni Events

For a current calendar of activities or for more details, visit <http://alumni.brandeis.edu>, or watch your mail for invitations to the following programs (subject to change).

### Alumni Club of Greater Boston

**Sunday, April 27**

*...and then you go on. An Anthology of the Works of Samuel Becket* performed by Bob Jaffe '74 at the Spingold Theater Center

**Wednesday, May 14**

Downtown Lunch Series with Biology Professor Michael Rosbash

### Alumni Club of Southern California

**Sunday, May 4**

George Kahn '73 and Friends *Midnight Brew* CD Release Party at the Jazz Bakery



## Film, Theater, and Museum Visits

### **Alumni Club of Greater Boston**

On November 17, 2002, alumni gathered for a performance at the Spingold Theater Center of *Love for Love*. Outgoing Chair of the Department of Theater Arts Michael Murray directed the play and met with alumni and guests at a reception prior to the performance.

The Club bought the house for a performance of *Golda's Balcony* at the Tremont Theater in Boston on January 9, 2003. Annette Liberman Miller '59, M.F.A. '76, treated Brandeis

alumni, parents, and students to a spectacular performance of this one-woman-show, where she portrayed Golda Meir in this play by William Gibson. Following the performance guests were invited to remain for a talkback with Miller and the director, Dan Gidron '66, M.F.A. '68.

### **Alumni Club of Southern California**

Film producer Susan Landau '74 screened her latest made-for-video production, *The Great American Songbook*, with alumni on November 6, 2002, at Sony Picture Studios in Culver City. Benjamin Feingold '78, president of Columbia TriStar Home Entertainment, provided the screening facilities and

reception space. Landau, producer of the award-winning film *An Ideal Husband* and critically acclaimed *Cool Runnings*, presents the visual history of the American songwriter, from Steven Foster to rock and roll. The video is hosted by Michael Feinstein.

### **Alumni Club of South Florida**

Alumni, friends, and family spent a Brandeis Art Afternoon at the Boca Raton Museum of Art on October 20, 2002. Chaired by Deborah Brody '91, alumni from many class years enjoyed a docent-led tour of the current exhibits and dinner at Mizner Park.

### **Alumni Club of New York City**

Ted Altschuler '83 organized a group to see *The Charity Began at Home* at the Mint Theater on October 24, 2002.

Alumni again headed off-Broadway to see *Tuesdays with Morrie*, the new play based on the best-selling book by Mitch Albom '79, on January 7, 2003.

### **Alumni Club of Cincinnati Wednesday, June 4**

Behind the Scenes Tour of the New Cincinnati Wing at the Cincinnati Art Museum with American Art Curator Julie Aronson '81

### **Alumni Club of New York City**

**Monday, April 21**  
Entrepreneurs Network presents Evangelos Simoudis, Ph.D. '91, of Apax Partners, Inc.

### **Sunday, May 4**

Recent Graduates Network visits the Statue of Liberty and Ellis Island

### **Wednesday, May 7**

An Allied Health Professional Network panel on Nutrition and Well Being

### **Wednesday, May 14**

Entrepreneurs Network panel on Identifying and Capitalizing on Opportunity

### **Thursday, May 15**

Bird Walk in Central Park with Phoebe Epstein '69

### **Alumni College Friday, June 20**

### **Reunion**

**Friday, June 20-Sunday, June 22**

## Reunion and Alumni College 2003

### Class of 1953 50th Reunion

Brandeis University is proud to welcome back the Class of 1953 on Commencement Weekend, May 16-18, 2003, in honor of the 50th Anniversary of their graduation. We invite you to participate in a full schedule of events that your Class Reunion Program Committee, Allan Applestein, Ruth Shiller Banks, Herman Hemingway, Marylin Tell Holzberg, Harriet Becker Jedeikin, Anita Komaroff Kantor, Carole Schwartz Kessner, Joan Biller Levenson, Frances Shapiro Nadash, and Lois Spiro Robblee have planned. There will be plenty of time to mix and mingle when you arrive on Friday before taking a tour and learning how the campus has changed over the past 50 years. The festivities continue with an exclusive class dinner and program. Saturday will be a day to further commemorate past and present as you reminisce with members of the faculty from your college days, and culminate the evening at the Commencement Formal Reception and Dinner with University Trustees, honorary degree recipients, Fellows, faculty, and friends of the Brandeis community. On Sunday, take a walk down memory lane as you march with your classmates at Commencement. For more information, visit <http://alumni.brandeis.edu/web/reunions/2003/53/53.html> or call the Reunion office at 781-736-4029.

### Classes of 1958, 1963, 1968, 1973, 1978, 1983, 1988, 1993, 1998 Join Together to Celebrate Reunions in June

Reunion 2003 is quickly approaching! Make your plans now to return to campus for this momentous occasion on June 20-22, 2003. Itching to climb Rabb steps again and go back to school at Brandeis for a day? Join your favorite professors from Brandeis as they speak on hot topics on Friday at Alumni College. This daylong academic adventure for Brandeis graduates and their friends and family features Brandeis faculty members as well as alumni in the news. Then kick the weekend off at your class dinner on Friday night, where you'll have the opportunity to catch up with classmates, share old photos, and relive those college memories. Bring the whole family on Saturday to experience the fun, food, and festivities at the traditional Ralph Norman Barbecue complete with clowns, face painters, magicians, caricature artists, and more. Then hang around for a class discussion or join friends on a venture into Boston. Make sure you get back to campus in time to show us your dancing moves at the Gala dinner on Saturday night. Don't forget to swing by the bookstore for a Brandeis keepsake on Sunday morning before making your way to the farewell champagne jazz brunch to say goodbye to old and new friends alike. Don't miss this opportunity to come back to campus, reconnect with your classmates, and rekindle old memories while making new ones. Want to know

who's already planning to attend? Visit the Web at <http://alumni.brandeis.edu/web/reunions/2003/index.html> for up to date information on Reunion 2003 or call the Reunion office at 781-736-4029.

### 2003 Alumni Reunion Participation Commendations

The following Reunion class alumni have made a gift to the University every year since they graduated. Thank you and congratulations!

#### 1973

Daniel R. Pfau

#### 1978

Marjorie Freedberg  
Bogdanow  
Mark Steven Cohen,  
Mark E. Jacobs  
Howard Mitchell Schwartz

#### 1983

Timothy J. Blackman

#### 1988

Mara Rosenthal Friedman  
Marci R. Gelb  
Adam D. Gladstone  
Sheri B. Sochrin

#### 1993

Marc David Gonchar  
Loren M. Kaplan  
Michael E. Katz  
Jenifer I. Land  
Deborah Waller Meyers  
Elizabeth I. Miller  
Miriam L. Pomeranz  
Ilana E. Simon

#### 1998

Devorah R. Bader  
Jill Farbman Bronner  
Andrew W. Cohen  
Nicolas V. Currier  
Sara M. Eisenberg  
Shira G. Feldman  
Nikhil Goyal  
Alexander P. Heckler  
Brian P. Irwin  
Lisa J. Kahn  
Rebecca L. King  
Andrew D. Kominik  
George Kuznetsov  
Erica A. Lowenfels  
Matthew D. Pfeffer  
Neil D. Raphael  
Samantha J. Ratner  
Evan B. Rudnicki  
Jonathan M. Salky  
Robert B. Seidner  
Allison T. Shapiro  
Arlene Shiner  
Joy Sisisky  
Gabriella L. Soble  
Miriam Heller Stern  
Karen A. Youman

### Alumni College 2003 Friday, June 20

Experience once again the excitement and challenge of a Brandeis classroom at Alumni College 2003: An Emphasis on Academic Excellence. The only prerequisites are curiosity, imagination, and a desire to learn!

This year's participants will explore the future of education or the interpretation of religion; investigate forensic science or the rise and fall of American business models; and discuss the importance of multilateralism today.

For more information about Alumni College 2003 or to register, please see the Alumni Relations Website at <http://alumni.brandeis.edu> or call Donna Emma Savelli, senior Reunion coordinator, at 781-736-4039.



## Alumni Clubs

Contact any of the club leaders via the email addresses below, or call the Office of Development and Alumni Relations for information at 781-736-4100. Please contact the Gay/Lesbian/Bisexual/Transgender Alumni Network or the Minority Alumni Network directly to be included on their mailing lists.

### Domestic

#### Arizona

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#### Gay/Lesbian/Bisexual/

#### Transgender Alumni

#### Network

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#### Minority Alumni Network

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#### Future Alumni of Brandeis

Elida Kamine '03 and  
Emily Meltzer '04  
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## New York Brunch and Discussion



William Friedman '65 (right) and his wife, Lucy, (center) hosted a brunch for alumni and friends of the University to hear Bill Schneider '66, (left) speak on "Great Issues in American Politics (Like Who Won Florida? and Will Hillary Ever Be President?)" Schneider is CNN's senior political analyst and Brandeis's 2002 Fred and Rita Richman Distinguished Visiting Professor in Politics.

# Brandeis

## Class Notes

Information submitted to Class Notes will appear no sooner than six months after its receipt by the Office of Development and Alumni Relations. Due to space limitations, we usually are unable to print lists of classmates who attend each other's weddings or other functions. News of marriages and births are included in separate listings by class. Factual verification of every class note is not possible. If an inaccurate submission is published, the *Brandeis Review* will correct any errors in the next possible issue, but must disclaim responsibility for any damage or loss.

### '52

June Goldman, Class Correspondent, 15 Preston Beach Road, Marblehead, MA 01945 1952notes@alumni.brandeis.edu

Our 50th Reunion was so successful that future plans for more frequent "reunions" were discussed and scheduled. A Florida winter get-together took place in December 2002 and now a summer 2003 reunion is being planned for June 8-11 in Falmouth, MA. Some of the activities planned are a clam bake, tour of Plymouth Plantation, and a golf outing at White Cliffs Country Club. Reservations can be made at either of two Falmouth Inns, the Sea Crest Oceanfront Resort (800-225-3110) or Shore Way Acres (by mail at P.O. Box 907, Falmouth, Cape Cod, MA 02541, or fax at 508-540-9337). Make sure to specify Brandeis University Class of '52 summer reunion when making your reservations. For more information, contact **Larry Nigrosh**, (508-833-0401) or **Julie Koss** at (941-923-9280).

### '53

**50th Reunion May 16-18, 2003**  
Abraham Heller, Class Correspondent, 1400 Runnymede Road, Dayton, OH 45419 1953notes@alumni.brandeis.edu

**Norm Diamond** is president of the Tufts School of Dental Medicine Alumni Association.

### '54

William Marsh, Class Correspondent, 1324 North Lynnbrook Drive, Arlington, VA 22201 1954notes@alumni.brandeis.edu

### '55

Judith Paull Aronson, Class Correspondent, 838 N. Doheny Drive, #906, Los Angeles, CA 90069 1955notes@alumni.brandeis.edu

### '56

Leona Feldman Curhan, Class Correspondent, 366 River Road, Carlisle, MA 01741 1956notes@alumni.brandeis.edu

**Alberta Gotthart Strage** hosted the 15th Annual Thanksgiving Tea for the Alumni Club of England at her home in London on November 24, 2002.

### '57

Wynne Wolkenberg Miller, Class Correspondent, 14 Larkspur Road, Waban, MA 02468 1957notes@alumni.brandeis.edu

Hello, classmates. As you can see from my address, my home territory is New England, and I am hoping that by the time you receive this issue, we will no longer have a foot of snow along with a daily fresh coat of the white stuff, beautiful as it is. You out there in sunshine and 70-degree temperature, aren't you jealous? What I do treasure, perhaps what keeps me here, is the glorious change of seasons and come March, spring will be upon us. On a personal level, March 2003 is a special month, as I will be in Oregon, attending my son's wedding and welcoming my second daughter-in-law into the family...Please write and let us know what is happening in your life. **John Crosby** writes, "I was recently married for the first time at age 65! I retired from teaching chemistry at the University of South Carolina. Keep me posted on plans for our 50th Reunion in 2007!"

### '58

**45th Reunion June 20-22, 2003**  
Judith Brecher Borakove, Class Correspondent, 10 East End Avenue, #2-F, New York, NY 10021 1958notes@alumni.brandeis.edu

**Eugene L. Speck** and his wife attended the "Rediscover Cuba" alumni travel program and writes, "It was very informative and well worth the time and money." He was presented the Distinguished Physician Award for the State of Nevada in June 2002, which is conferred upon physician members who have made

outstanding contributions to the medical community. He is founder and partner of the Infectious Diseases Consultants in Las Vegas.

### '59

Sunny Sunshine Brownrout, Class Correspondent, 87 Old Hill Road, Westport, CT 06880 1959notes@alumni.brandeis.edu

**Letty Collin Pogrebin**, author of eight books of nonfiction, published her first novel, *Three Daughters*, in October 2002. A Book of the Month Club alternate selection, her novel has received national critical acclaim and has been optioned for adaptation to the stage and screen. Her book tour took her to 24 cities in five weeks, among them Berkeley, CA, where she met with a spirited group of Brandeis alumni after doing a reading. Letty, who recently completed a four-year term as president of the Authors Guild of America, is the proud grandmother of six. **Michael Fisher** writes, "My latest personal accomplishment is that of a proud grandfather to two handsome boys from my daughter and her husband and one beautiful girl from my son and his wife. It's terrific!"

### '60

Joan Silverman Wallack, Class Correspondent, 28 Linden Shores, #28, Branford, CT 06405 1960notes@alumni.brandeis.edu

**Tim Elliott** writes, "My wife, Page, retired after 21 years as a librarian, so now I am thinking of retiring at the end of 2003." **Ellie Kessler Cohen** and her husband, Max, hosted a Faculty-in-the-Field event with Associate Professor of American Studies Jerry Cohen for the Alumni Club of Northern New Jersey at their home in Livingston.

### '61

Judith Leavitt Schatz, Class Correspondent, 139 Cumberland Road, Leominster, MA 01453 1961notes@alumni.brandeis.edu

**Victor Kugajevsky** runs the Washington, D.C., office of the Public Consulting Group, Inc., a Boston-based health care consulting firm, and is

in Boston about once every month for management meetings. **Martin Zelnik** was elected to serve on Community School Board 10, which oversees a portion of the northwest Bronx. It is the largest school district in New York City, accommodating more than 43,000 students and 53 public schools. In addition, McGraw-Hill has just released a second edition of Martin's best-selling professional handbook, *Time-Saver Standards for Interior Design & Space Planning*. The new edition is almost 1,700 pages. His first book, *Human Dimension & Interior Space*, was translated into Portuguese and published by Editorial Gustavo Gili, SA, as *Dimensioanamento Humano Para Expacos Interiores*.

### '62

Ann Leder Sharon, Class Correspondent, 13890 Ravenwood Drive, Saratoga, CA 95070 1962notes@alumni.brandeis.edu

**Alan Rubin** has published another book in his series of "For Dummies" books on disease. After the tremendous success of *Diabetes For Dummies* (175,000 copies sold to date), *Diabetes Cookbook For Dummies* (75,000 copies sold) and *Thyroid For Dummies* (25,000 copies sold in the first year), he has come out with *High Blood Pressure For Dummies*, which has already sold out its first printing. Writing these books has been one of the most gratifying experiences in his medical career, providing daily positive feedback from grateful readers by way of email. He has several more titles planned for the future. Alan continues to practice medicine in San Francisco.

### '63

**40th Reunion June 20-22, 2003**  
Miriam Osler Hyman, Class Correspondent, 140 East 72nd Street, #16B, New York, NY 1963notes@alumni.brandeis.edu

**Lawrence S. Goldman** of the Law Offices of Lawrence S. Goldman in Manhattan was elected the 44th president of the National Association of Criminal Defense Lawyers. Lawrence, a graduate of Harvard Law School and 30-year veteran criminal defense attorney, previously served as president of the New York State Association of Criminal Defense Lawyers and the New York Criminal Bar Association.

### '64

Shelly A. Wolf, Class Correspondent, 113 Naudain Street, Philadelphia, PA 19147 1964notes@alumni.brandeis.edu

**Abbe Steinglass** was cochair of an Alumni Club of New York City Visual Arts Network event featuring Jim Clark and Melissa Brown, faculty-in-residence in fine arts, on September 26, 2002.

### '65

Joan Furber Kalafatas, Class Correspondent, 3 Brandywine, Wayland, MA, 01778 1965notes@alumni.brandeis.edu

In September 2001 **Albert Shar** joined the Robert Wood Johnson Foundation, the premiere health and health care foundation, as vice president for information technology.



Barbara Silver Charmoy '64, Gene Speck '58, and Lisa Kranc '75



## '66

Kenneth E. Davis, Class Correspondent, 28 Mary Chilton Road, Needham, MA 02492 1966notes@alumni.brandeis.edu

**Jonathan Burrows**, who produced theater on and off-Broadway from 1966 to 1971 (including *Fire*, which had its premiere at Brandeis) before entering the film business (where he worked on 18 films, most of which you've heard of), has a new career as restaurant chef/owner Mr. Cecil's California Ribs opened in West Los Angeles in July 2000. The *Los Angeles Times* called his food "plates of meat to dream about!" Good? Just ask **Jehuda, Ph.D. '72**, and **Shula, Ph.D. '77**, **Reinharz**—they had dinner there on a visit out west. Jonathan opened a second location in November 2002 in Sherman Oaks (yes, the "valley") and is planning two more openings in 2003. He and his wife, Anne Schneider, are the parents of Zane Lowell Burrows, born in October 2000. Jonathan is also a private pilot; last Christmas he flew his family 3,600 miles round trip between Los Angeles and New Orleans in their single-engine Bonanza. He's also been playing polo for the last 20 years. His team is based in Santa Barbara and he has just optioned the film rights to a Frank Lloyd Wright biography.

## '67

Anne Reilly Hort, Class Correspondent, 10 Old Jackson Avenue, #21, Hastings-on-Hudson, NY 10706 1967notes@alumni.brandeis.edu

## '68

**35th Reunion**  
June 22-22, 2003  
David Greenwald, Class Correspondent, 3655 Aquetong Road, Carversville, PA 18913 1968notes@alumni.brandeis.edu

**Stephen Abelman** was the chair of an Alumni Club of Westchester County event in Rye Brook New York on

December 8, 2002, with speaker **Neil Sullivan '78** (Ph.D., politics), professor, School of Public Affairs, Baruch College, City University of New York. **Alan Fox** writes, "This past summer (2002), I directed Pat Carroll and Patricia Conolly in a new play, *oldfriends.com*, at the Cape Playhouse in Dennis, MA, and then at the Queens Playhouse in the Park in New York City. After that I was the production stage manager of *Salome* starring Al Pacino, Marisa Tomei, Diane West, and David Strathairn at St. Anne's Warehouse in Brooklyn Heights for a limited run. **Gila Schwartz Svirsky** and **Sumaya Farhat-Naser**, a Palestinian woman, were jointly awarded two major prizes in acknowledgement of their efforts for peace: the Hermann Kesten Medal, awarded by the P.E.N. Association of Writers in Germany, and the Solidarity Prize of the City and State of Bremen.

## '69

Phoebe Epstein, Class Correspondent, 205 West 89th Street, #10-S, New York, NY 10024 1969notes@alumni.brandeis.edu

**Jonathan C. Shames** is an associate at the law firm Katz, Barron, Squitiero & Faust in Ft. Lauderdale. **Nancy Sherman Shapiro** was awarded an NSF MSP (Math Science Partnership) grant of \$7.5 million to improve science teaching and learning in Maryland. The five-year project will bring university science faculty and high school science teachers together to enhance the high school science curriculum content and undergraduate science teaching. Nancy is associate vice chancellor at the University System of Maryland, and is chair of the statewide Maryland K-16 Partnership for Teaching and Learning.

## '70

Charles S. Eisenberg, Class Correspondent, 4 Ashford Road, Newton Center, MA 02459 1970notes@alumni.brandeis.edu

**Michael Lederman**, principal investigator of the AIDS Clinical Trials Unit at University Hospitals of



Michael Goldenkranz '74 and Kathy Goldenkranz Arnie '74, Lori Kahn Freedman '76, and family

Cleveland and Case Western Reserve University (CWRU), received the Scott R. Inkle, M.D. Chair in General Internal Medicine. Michael, a resident of Cleveland Heights, has been actively involved in AIDS research and care since 1982 and is the founder of the AIDS Service at University Hospitals and CWRU. He has been in UHC's Division of Infectious Diseases and on the faculty of CWRU for more than 20 years. His research interest is in mechanisms of immune deficiency and immune restoration in HIV infection. **Detlev Suderow** and his wife, **Ellen Beth Lande '73**, copresidents of the Alumni Club of Greater Boston, hosted an alumni holiday reception with President **Jehuda Reinharz, Ph.D. '72** in the atrium of the new Carl and Ruth Shapiro Campus Center at Brandeis on December 8, 2002.

## '71

Beth Posin Uchill, Class Correspondent, c/o Class of 1971, Brandeis University, MS 124, P.O. Box 549110, Waltham, MA 02454-9110 1971notes@alumni.brandeis.edu

**Ronnie Lichtman**, a midwife, spoke to members of the Alumni Club of New York City Allied Health Professionals Network at Brandeis House on November 13, 2002.

## '72

Dan Garfinkel, Class Correspondent, 2420 Kings Lane, Pittsburgh, PA 15241 1972notes@alumni.brandeis.edu

**Janet Stojak** has opened a new theater in Philadelphia at 1220 North Lawrence Street bordering the Northern Liberties neighborhood. It is the first theater in Philadelphia to play host

to a multicultural array of productions and theater companies. Theater companies in residence include Janet's own company, Random Acts of Theater, Inc., which specializes in original one-person shows from many ethnic origins. For more information, visit [www.randomactsoftheater.com](http://www.randomactsoftheater.com). **Mark and Elaine Heimberger Tulis** hosted an Alumni Club of Westchester County event, featuring author **Gil Schwartz '73** (a.k.a. Stanley Bing) at their home in Chappaqua, NY on October 20, 2002.

## '73

**30th Reunion**  
June 20-22, 2003  
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Hi Classmates, can you believe we have our 30th Brandeis Reunion coming up in June?! It boggles my mind to think I have actually been out of college longer than all the years leading up to it and through it. Where did all those years go so quickly? I hope all of you will join us for Reunion. It sounds like they have a lot of great activities planned. Let's also all try to send in some news from our home fronts for future class notes. I would love to know how everyone is doing so many years out. Our class has not historically been one with a lot of participation in post-graduation events, but if we all send in some news we can change that. It would be great if we all made the effort to at least let each other know the great events that have transpired in our lives since graduation. Let's see if we can make up for lost time. Hope to hear from all of you, Janet

**Ellen Beth Lande** and her husband, **Detlev Suderow '70** copresidents of the Alumni Club of Greater



Michael Goldenkranz '75



Peter O'Connell '74

Boston, hosted an alumni holiday reception with President **Jehuda Reinharz, Ph.D. '72** in the atrium of the new Carl and Ruth Shapiro Campus Center at Brandeis on December 8, 2002. **Gil Schwartz** (a.k.a. Stanley Bing) discussed his latest book, *Throwing the Elephant: Zen and the Art of Managing Up*, at an Alumni Club of Westchester County event in Chappaqua on October 20, 2002. **Edward Tobinick**, assistant clinical professor of medicine at the University of California, Los Angeles, and medical director of the Institute for Neurological Research, a private medical group, was awarded his seventh U.S. Patent detailing new methods to fight neurological diseases and related clinical disorders. These new methods utilize newly available therapeutic agents, produced through recombinant DNA technology, which inhibit the action of certain natural molecules, called cytokines, which initiate and amplify the body's inflammatory response. Three of these cytokine inhibitors are now available to treat arthritis.

## '74

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Did you ever wonder what happened to the four guys who made our yearbook so memorable, standing naked behind strategically

located tree limbs? I decided to find **Peter O'Connell, Arnie Freedman, Michael Goldenkranz**, and **David Glasser '75**. Not surprisingly, they are all successful professionals, with extremely impressive achievements in their fields. **Peter O'Connell** married to **Jean Lusskin '76**, received his Ph.D. in biology in 1983 from Brandeis (his mentor was Michael Rosbash), and has a son, Timothy (20). When I first reached Peter, he was at Baylor University in Waco, TX. He told me his interests were biking, bird watching, reading, and "getting the hell out of Texas," which he did shortly afterwards (see below). While at Brandeis, Peter trained in molecular/fly fruit genetics. His post-doc training was in human genetics in Salt Lake City, UT, and he became an assistant professor at the Howard Hughes Medical Institute. At Hughes, he helped develop DNA markers for mapping the human genome and located a number of genes causing hereditary disorders. Peter and colleagues also developed and patented "the DNA-based forensic individualization technology you read about in the newspapers." Next, Peter got involved in gene-cloning projects and ultimately cloned the von Recklinghausen neurofibromatosis ("elephant man disease") gene. In 1991, he moved to the University of Texas Health Science Center at San Antonio, TX, as an associate professor and was promoted to professor in 1996. There he continued research on epilepsy, breast cancer, and type 2 Diabetes. When the breast cancer group was recruited "en masse" to Baylor in 1999, Peter moved there for the next several years. Since July

# Births and Adoptions

Class	Brandeis Parent(s)	Child's Name	Date	Class	Brandeis Parent(s)	Child's Name	Date
1966	Jonathan Burrows	Zane Lowell	October 29, 2000	1990	Miriam (Marcy) Baskin Arnheim	Shifra Orit	November 15, 1993
1981	Michele Chabin	Eitan and Yonatan	July 17, 2002			Yehuda Yosef	November 20, 1996
	Amiet Goldman	Sara Jennifer	June 4, 2002		Debbie Dashoff	Yishai Neriya	October 15, 2000
1983	Toby Meryl Levenson	Chloe	August 22, 2002		Esa Kanter Jaffe and Chaim Jaffe	Rachel Danelle	April 10, 2002
1984	Jessica Elise Lilie	Mia Lilie Rossi	July 12, 2001		Aaron Klein	Shai Michael	January 24, 2002
	Robert Minkoff	Ivy Elizabeth	July 31, 2002		Kim Johnson Krummel	Joshua Garrison	April 2, 2002
	Brian Saber	Richard Frederick	March 25, 2001		Nancy Levenson Block	Esme Ingrid	June 20, 2002
1986	Betsy Arnold	Alexander Max Turk	November 26, 2002		Stella Levy Cohen	Phoebe Hope	September 21, 2001
	Jani M. Foley-Salant	Isabella Jade	July 27, 2001		Andrea Malkin Brenner	Shira Elysse	July 26, 2002
1987	Dina Nirenstein Fields and Warren I. Fields	Joshua David	February 22, 2002		Ymke Mulder	Caleb Soo Hong	January 10, 2002
	Steve Roses	Annabelle Elizabeth	June 21, 2002		Debbie Pinnas Friedman and David Friedman	Tom Henrik	August 6, 2001
1988	Jill Brownrout Fried	Molly Eloise	October 25, 2002		Alison Tarr Popper	Max Elliot	August 8, 2001
	Mari Cartagenaova	Miela Rephaia	September 16, 2002		Linda Rosenfeld Rothman	Issac Drew	March 16, 2002
	Suzanne Feldstein Frankel and Roger Frankel	Eliza Anne	August 8, 2001		Eric Weinstock	Jeremy Brett	June 14, 2002
	Debbie Ginsburg and Barry Kolodkin '84	Lucy	July 4, 2002	1991	Elisa J. Aberman Goldman	Zachary Dylan	June 1, 2002
	Kimberly MacLeod	Daniel	May 16, 2002		Eric S. Askanase	David Philip	July 10, 2002
	Jonathan McIntyre	Varun Chary	October 5, 2002		Heather Boshak	Sophie Alise	August 9, 2002
	Karen Rubenstein Wyle	Jennifer Lynn	January 14, 2003		Stephanie Gillman Doyle	Sadye Jillian	March 31, 2001
	Bryna Winchell Ross	Micah Grace	October 8, 2002		Galit (Gaye) Jacob Haim	Ian Raymond	May 26, 2002
		Arrah	April 7, 2001		Jonathan C. Hamilton	Lilach	July 16, 2002
1989	David Blatteis	Emma Sophie	November 19, 2002		Karen Holtman Jimenez and Freddy Jimenez	Joaquin Carroll	December 6, 2001
	Scott Burkas	Ethan Bailey	May 2, 2002		Rachel Kogan	Lilia Emma	October 1, 2000
	Stephanie Freeman	Jolie and Perri	June 11, 2001		Stewart Pollak	Benjamin Eli	August 30, 2002
	Glenn Grey	Jordana Dylan	September 7, 2002		Rachel Remler	Natalie Eva	January 8, 2002
	Eliat Gubbay	Naomi Sara	February 19, 2002		Julianne Schwartz Jaffe	Alexandra Brooke	December 27, 2002
	Melissa Hatter	Samuel	March 29, 2002		Anna Spector Woodbury	Oliver Joseph Rands	December 30, 2000
		Sarah	October 1, 1999		Michael A. Sweet	Sydney Paige	July 22, 2002
	Rhonda Scagline Wingrove	Corinne Isabelle	July 6, 2002		Suzanne A. Tuchin	Jared Andrew	March 19, 2002
	Richard Schoenberg	Ellen Ann	September 15, 2002			Adina Nicole	November 24, 2002
	Beth Schroeder Miller	Savannah Rae	August 9, 2002	1992	Julian E. Zelizer	Adam Gabriel and Alexander Matthew	June 24, 2002
					Stacie Brown-Binder	Sophia Miriam	June 1, 2002
					Jakki Gorden Snider	Ethan Matthew	June 1, 2002
						Evan Matthew	June 4, 2002

2002, Peter has been chair of the Department of Human Genetics at the Medical College of Virginia/Virginia Commonwealth University. The VCU Website described him as "a molecular geneticist interested in hereditary disorders and genetic changes associated with human neoplasia." With so many accomplishments, you would expect someone to be full of himself, but in our discussions for this article, Peter was as down-to-earth as ever. After graduating from Brandeis, Michael Goldenkranz worked for a year with the Waltham Police Department, where, after informing them he was going to law school, they presented him with a party and cake inscribed "Happy Unemployment, Mike." Mike says he took the "send-off" as a compliment that they didn't want to go up against him in court as a defense attorney. After graduating from Boston College Law School, Mike

then became a deputy district attorney in San Francisco. Michael later became the legal division manager and assistant general counsel for Blue Cross of Washington and Alaska, while developing and hosting a radio show, *Inside the Law*, and serving as an adjunct professor and clinical supervisor for college legal assistant programs. Subsequently, he evolved from lawyer to a member of the executive team as assistant to the president of Good Samaritan Hospital, where he headed government relations, nonprofit tax-exempt endeavors, community relations, risk management, legal affairs, and served as the Ombudsman. In 1994, he took time off due to illness, and then devoted himself to family and to "giving something back" to the community. He received his teacher certification and now conducts *pro bono* workshops for public, private, and parochial school students in the Seafie area, where he has lived for many years. His subjects include law, job and college preparation, resume building, health care policy, and mock courts. One year

he co-coached a local high school's mock court trial team that ultimately placed among the top five in the nation, and, the year after, captured the number one spot! Mike's son (now 16) and daughter (headed to college) appreciate time spent with Dad *so much* that they compliment him on his managing skills and urge him to go back to work instead of micromanaging them! Mike describes his wife, Kathy, a Seattle native, as "the rudder to his sail." Arnie Freedman, is married to Lori Kahn '76, received his medical degree in 1982, and has three children, Jacob (20), Shoshana (17), and Hannah (11). After medical school and residency, Arnie joined Dana-Farber Cancer Institute in Boston, where he has remained for 21 years. He takes care of patients with hematologic malignancies (lymphoma/leukemia) and does clinical and laboratory research related to non-Hodgkin's lymphomas. Arnie and Peter recently collaborated and published a

paper on a basic lab project looking at differences in genes that are expressed in normal lymphocytes and lymphoma cells. Besides spending as much time as he can with family, Arnie's other passion is playing golf. He plays regularly with Kenny Raskin, his first roommate. Who would have believed that, 32 years after meeting, they'd be hanging out together at a golf course at 6:00 am? David Glasser '75 is the final member of the group, which has remained close since college. David, a Grammy winner in February 1998 for mastering and restoration of the critically acclaimed *Anthology of American Folk Music*, is also one of the top players in his field of CD mastering ([www.arshowmastering.com](http://www.arshowmastering.com)). His interests and talents were honed when he was a recording engineer and DJ for Brandeis's own radio station, WBRS. The four men behind the infamous tree have stayed in close contact since graduation. They tried to find the tree when they were on campus in 1999 for our 25th Reunion, but ultimately it could not be found. Nevertheless, they shed their clothes and took another picture! (Wouldn't

that be fun to see?) Our own Brandeis photographer, Ralph Norman, took the original yearbook photo, and it was set up so hastily that they were still wearing their socks! I'd be happy to email the original picture to any of you...in trade for your sending me an update on yourself.

## '75

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Allison Bass writes, "After almost 14 years at *The Boston Globe*, I am now executive editor of *CIO* magazine, a biweekly publication that covers information technology. I am also teaching a science journalism course to graduate students at Boston University. David Glasser (see note in 1974). Charles R. Kellner is senior consultant, EDD Services, for Daticon, Inc., a provider of document management and litigation support services. In this position Charles assists



David Glasser '75

clients in developing their strategies for electronic discovery and electronic records retention. Jonathan D. Sarna (M.A. '75, Near Eastern and Judaic Studies), the Joseph H. and Belle R. Braun Professor of American Jewish History at Brandeis, was appointed historian for the new National Museum of American Jewish History. The \$100-million dollar structure will be located on Independence Mall in Philadelphia and is slated to open in 2006. Jonathan brings more than 25 years of Jewish scholarship to the project. Michael Schwartz, a doctoral student in the School of Education at



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1993	Sandi Arnowitz Stern and Alex Stern Erica Boyd Byrne and Tyson Byrne Michael Bruckheim Sheryl Gaines Bartos Michelle L. Blasbalg Hammer and Scott L. Hammer	Ilana Zoe Connor Shrope Jacob Emilio Sarah Gabrielle Sydney Amanda, Zachary Seth, and Evan Jared Ella Grace Hannah Pearl Eli Russell Jordan Nathaniel Elana Liat	September 13, 2002 September 7, 2002 November 9, 2002 August 15, 2002 August 27, 2002
	Priscilla Bradford Glucksman and Richard Glucksman '90 Jennifer Miller Zaidi Mindy Morgentaler Ruth Stacy Rubtchinsky Kamer and Allen Kamer		September 9, 2002 January 25, 2000 August 23, 2002 November 16, 2001 September 16, 2002
1994	Dana Blasbalg Schneiderman and Steven Schneiderman '93 Julie Friedman Rodman and Andrew Rodman '93 Deirdre Kamber Sandra Nessim Rosenthal Ilyse Passo Ben Zagmi	Jaclyn Elizabeth Allie Cayla Harper Chisari Jack Isaac Yehonatan Aharon Sarah Avigail Nina Claire Ethan Lee Tatiana Ruiz	August 1, 2002 September 10, 2002 September 2, 2002 July 9, 2002 March 21, 2001 September 18, 1999 June 18, 1997 June 11, 2002 May 29, 2002
	Ronna Shain Gyllenhaal Larissa Ruiz Baia and Carlos Pereira Baia		
1995	Gabrielle Garschina-Bobrow and Stephen Bobrow '96	Esperanza	November 18, 2002
1996	Michael Altose Eddie Bruckner Ehan Goldstein Dena Groothuis Weiner Naomi Rosen Rogosin Alec Stoll, M.F.A. '96	Batsheva Miriam Rachel Maya Benjamin Ira Andie Lauren Brian Alexander Lauren Elisabeth	October 30, 2002 February 4, 2003 May 4, 2002 July 18, 2002 October 7, 2002 September 10, 2002

Syracuse University, was profiled in the fall 2002 issue of the School of Education's biannual publication, *Education Exchange*, where he discusses his experiences as a deaf person. **Terrie William's** new and third book, *A Plentiful Harvest: Creating Balance and Harmony through the Seven Living Virtues*, was released in December 2002. **Beth Ann Wolfson** was appointed by the justices of the Massachusetts Supreme Judicial Court to serve on the Supreme Judicial Court/Trial Court Standing Committee on Dispute Resolution. In addition, she was appointed to serve as chair of the Massachusetts Bar Association's ADR committee for 2002-03. She is a labor and employment arbitrator, mediator and fact-finder, and adjunct assistant professor at Bentley College in Waltham.

## '76

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Hello fellow '76-ers. I hope this winter has been kind to you and your families. Your Brandeis classmates would love to hear what is going on in your lives, so please send along those class notes when you have some news to spread. Hope your 2003 is a great one. **Donna E. Arzt**, Bond, Schoeneck & King Distinguished Professor of Law in the College of Law at Syracuse University, published the article "The Lockerbie Extradition by Analogy Agreement. Exceptional Measure or Template for Transnational Criminal Justice?" in the *American University International Law Review*. **Scott Gerson**, a physician specializing in ayurvedic medicine, spoke to members of the Alumni Club of New York City Allied Health Professionals Network at an event at Brandeis House on November 13, 2002. **Julieanna L. Richardson** launched her third annual

PBS program with the taping of fellow alumna, **Angela Davis** '65, interviewing well-known actor/activist couple Ossie Davis and Ruby Dee about their lives. The program aired nationally on PBS and was taped in front of a live audience of 1,000 people on October 18, 2002 at the Art Institute of Chicago. This was also a fundraiser for The HistoryMakers, a 501(c)(3) founded by Julieanna in 1999 to record 5,000 stories of well-known and unsung African American HistoryMakers over the next five years to create a permanent living record of African American contributions. She says that these are America's missing stories and shared some of them on campus on February 11, 2003, before an audience of Brandeis students, faculty, staff, and alumni during a Black History Month event sponsored by the Minority Alumni Network

## '77

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**Debra Katz Weber** writes, "It's been so long since I've written that my daughter, Natalia, became a bat mitzvah in 2002. My husband of 18 years now, Rick, is teaching art at a local middle school and we have an 8-year-old son, Jake. I've been working as a wardrobe supervisor on various film, television, and theater projects over the years, but right now I'm at *Weekend Today* on NBC. Have a great new year!"

## '78

**25th Reunion June 20-22, 2003**  
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**Mark S. Cohen** and **Roberta Weinstein-Cohen** '79 spent a month during the summer of 2002 on vacation in Israel where they stayed in their new home in Jerusalem, celebrated the bar mitzvah of their son, Yaakov, and led the second solidarity mission from their community in West Hempstead. When not in Israel, Mark is special counsel to the New York City law firm Hahn & Hessen LLP. They look forward to seeing everyone at Mark's 25th Reunion in June!

**Barry Epstein**, owner of Tolchin Epstein Associates, LLC, spoke to members of the Alumni Club of New York City Entrepreneurs Network at Brandeis House on November 11, 2002. **Gary and Debra Wortzman Wasserman** celebrated the bar mitzvah of their son, Marc, at Congregation Neveh Shalom in Portland, OR, on November 2, 2002. Other Brandeis alumni in attendance included **Sue Ann Wasserman** '82 and **Karen Wasserman** '85

## '79

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**Eric Braverman**, a physician specializing in integrative medicine, spoke to members of the Alumni Club of New York City Allied Health

Professionals Network at an event at Brandeis House on November 13, 2002. **Edward and Cary Muschel David** were proud to send their first child off to college. Matthew is a first-year student at Colorado College in Colorado Springs and spent the summer of 2002 climbing the Black Hills of South Dakota and Wyoming. They write, "We really don't know where he came from!" After being selected by President George W. Bush on the recommendation of Governor George Pataki, **Roslynn R. Mausekapt** was named chief federal law enforcement officer for Long Island, Queens, Brooklyn, and Staten Island. Her priorities include combating terrorism, gangs, organized crime, and drugs. **Roger Miller** completed his Ph.D. in physics at the University of California, Davis. He is a visiting lecturer at California State University, Stanislaus, for the 2002-03 academic year. **William Lynch**, head of Rhode Island's Democratic Party, was among the 15 members of the 2002 Rhode Island Class inducted by the International Scholar-Athlete Hall of Fame in June 2002. **Lee Tail** joined Bell Helicopter as vice president, quality. She is responsible for all quality functions and processes for the company at its sites in Fort Worth and Amarillo, TX, as well as Mirabel, Canada. **Roberta Weinstein-Cohen** and **Mark S. Cohen** '78 spent a month during the summer of 2002 on vacation in Israel where they stayed in their new home in Jerusalem, celebrated the bar mitzvah of their son, Yaakov, and led the second solidarity mission from their community in West Hempstead. When not in Israel, Roberta teaches Israel dance at two schools and is the senior adult services director at the Woodbury Jewish Center. They look forward to seeing everyone at Mark's 25th Reunion in June!

## '80

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**Alan Lovitz** lives in Ashland, MA, with his wife, Rachel, stepdaughter, Victoria, and baby, Jordan. In September 2001 Alan became regional vice president of the New England region of Success Advertising, a human resources communications firm. **Joshua Ostroff** reports that his research consulting firm, Virtual Media Resources, provides significant media and marketing research support for the Center on Alcohol Marketing and Youth at Georgetown University, which seeks to quantify the extent and impact of alcohol marketing and advertising on the United States youth population. Reports and interactive analysis tools are on the CAMY Website, <http://camy.org>.

## '81

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Being between our 20th and 25th Reunion, this would be a grand time to drop a note to Brandeis, and update your classmates about your doings! Have you picked up any new hobbies, gotten a promotion, or has something else changed in your life? Send an e-mail and let us know! **Michele Chabin**, a journalist, gave birth to twin boys in July 2002. She and her husband, Sidney Slivko, bought a home in Jerusalem where Michele has lived for the past 15 years. **Brian McDonald** is president of International Paper Asia in Hong Kong. Prior to this position, he was general director of International Paper's OAO Svetogorsk business in Russia. He has been with the company for 15 years. He joined International Paper in 1987 at Strathmore Papers in Westfield, MA. He had served in a variety of assignments of increasing responsibility prior to his move to Svetogorsk in 1999.

## '82

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**Caryn Gilbert** was cochair of an Alumni Club of New York City Visual Arts Network event featuring Jim Clark and Melissa Brown, artists-in-residence in fine arts, on September 26, 2002. **Linda Scherzer**, senior partner of Boston and Future Alumni of Brandeis at an event on campus on November 21, 2002.

## '83

**20th Reunion June 20-22, 2003**  
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Hello again, Classmates! Reunion '03 is upon us as is the every pressing question—Can we really be getting this old?! Twenty is a number beyond contemplation for some of us, but a cause for celebration for others. Either way, let's catch up in June! Meantime, here's some news from the home fronts: **Harlyn Aizley** is a writer and teacher whose first book, *Buying Dad: One Woman's Search for the Perfect Sperm Donor*, will be published in July 2003. Harlyn lives with her partner, Faith Soloway, and their daughter, Betsy, in Roslindale, MA. She looks forward to crashing on many Brandeis alumni sofas, with Betsy, during her book tour in July. **Ted Altschuler** served as chair for an Alumni Club of New York City Performing Arts Network event featuring a theater performance and discussion with the cast and crew of *The Charity that Began at Home*, at the Mint Theater on October 24, 2002. **Ellen Silver Coppola** reports in from Southern California that she works at Qualcomm "managing engineering research projects that

eventually (well, sometimes) go on to other divisions to be turned into real products, ASICs, or industry standards." She's been married for 14 years and for the past several years has been active on the board of the local chapter of Hadassah and loving it. (No, folks, it's not just for grandmotherly types, Ellen has discovered!) A self-proclaimed Type A ex-New Yorker, Ellen has become totally acclimated to the Southern California lifestyle, evidenced by the fact that she is now a yoga devotee. Says Ellen, "I am looking forward to our upcoming Reunion in June and to getting reacquainted with old friends. I'd love to hear from you in the mean time. Drop me an email at ecoppola@qualcomm.com."

**Alan Handel** is project manager and computer programmer for Sterling Autobody, a 45-store chain of collision repair shops and a subsidiary of Allstate Non-insurance Holdings. He also purchased a home in Millis, MA. **Allan J. Heideman** is partner in the radiology group, and was elected president and director of Millburn Medical Imaging located in Maplewood, NJ. **Lance A. Kawesch** joined the Boston office of Duane Morris LLP as a partner practicing corporate and securities law. Lance, his wife, and three sons live in Brookline, MA. **Gary R. Silverman** is a partner with Kirkland & Ellis in Chicago. He specializes in structuring mergers, acquisitions, leveraged buyouts, and venture capital transactions. He recently published an article in the *Venture Capital Review*, "Venture Capital Investing in the New Economy." Last summer, Gary caught the "triathlon bug" and completed four international distance races. Gary received his law degree from Northwestern University's School of Law and his M.B.A. from the University of Chicago's Graduate School of Business, and he is currently completing a master of liberal arts program through the University of Chicago's Graham School. Gary has been married to Suzy Silverman for almost 15 years, and they live in Winnetka with their three children, Zach, Carl, and Josh. **Michael Socarras** is an international litigation partner in the law firm of Greenberg Traurig LLP in Washington, D.C. He and his wife, Lisa, have four children under 12, and they live in Annandale, VA, where Michael is active with the Fairfax County



David Goldman '84

Republican Committee. **Oren J. Cohen** and **Marla F. Wald** are the proud parents of a baby girl, Mendeth Faye, who was born in August 2002 and joins big brother Mark Philip (5). Oren is senior medical director for Anti-Infectives at Quintiles Transnational and associate professor at George Washington Medical Center in Washington, D.C. He has published numerous research papers and book chapters on AIDS. Marla is an adult, child, adolescent psychiatrist and psychoanalyst. She is assistant professor at George Washington Medical Center and teaching analyst at the Baltimore-Washington Institute for Psychoanalysis. They live in Bethesda, MD. That's the update from this end, friends! Keep the news coming and I look forward to seeing you all on campus in June.

## '84

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**Jeff Bernhardt** wrote and directed a performance piece, "Who Shall Live...?" which was performed by four actors at a Los Angeles Synagogue. It triggered provocative discussions related to the themes of the High Holy Days. **David Goldman** is a supervisor in the tax department of Amper, Poltznier & Mattia, P.C., a regional certified public accounting and consulting firm serving the New Jersey/New York business community. He assists clients in the areas of tax planning, compliance, and consulting.

## '85

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**Ellen Joy Baker Awrich** was named an Outstanding Trademark Examining Attorney at the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office by the American Intellectual Property Law Association, a national bar association comprised of attorneys in the fields of patent, trademark, and copyright law. Ellen lives in Gaithersburg, MD, with her husband, 9-year-old son, and 8-year-old daughter. She and her husband will celebrate their 15th anniversary in May 2003.

**Mark D. Rosenberg** (M.A. 95, comparative history) is the academic director of Prozdor of Hebrew College in Newton, MA. An experienced teacher, Mark also took on additional administrative and curriculum responsibilities, working closely with Prozdor's director. Mark is also an adjunct professor of history at Bentley College in Waltham where he teaches the history of the Middle East. Prior to joining Prozdor, Mark spent years working with organizations such as the Jewish Agency, United Synagogue Youth, and at Jewish summer camps. He also worked extensively in Jewish education across greater Boston while completing his doctoral requirements. Mark is married to **Danielle Kleinberg**. They live in Newton Highlands with their two children.

## '86

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**Susie Cohen Crumpler** keeps busy with their three children, Jake (5), Luke (3), and Jessica (2). She also works full-time as the director of publications for the Jewish Community Center of San Francisco. Susie writes, "My career in nonprofit arts management inadvertently led me to a position in the Jewish community. Our center has raised \$75 million for a new, state-of-the-art facility due to open in San Francisco this year (2003). **Jani M.**

**Foley-Salant** attends New York University and studies directing for motion pictures. She retired from her law firm in May 2002. **Maxwell Lazinger** relocated to the Midwest to find a slower pace of life. He is enjoying life in Columbia, MO, a small university town. His sons Sean (6) and Matthew (2) enjoy the friendliness of the people. Maxwell performs endovascular, interventional radiology at Boone Hospital. He joined the practice with another Brandeis alumna, **Barbara Tellerman '79**, who recruited him. He writes, "All else is well. I miss my Brandeis buddies, **Henry Aboodi**, **David Kahn**, 'Pink,' and the gang."

## '87

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**Alan Kay** was honored with the 2002 D.A.R. National Outstanding Teacher of American History. In July, he and his wife, **Heidi Halpern**, and three children flew to Washington where they were treated to a wonderful ceremony that they will never forget. Alan was honored because of his work as a teacher, a county coordinator of National History Day, and his book series, *Young Heroes of History*. **David Martin Pasteelnick** is the annual fund manager for the Signature Theater Company, a nonprofit theater company in New York City. **Steve Roses** reports that he and his wife, **Mania Seigenthaler**, are having a blast with their daughter, **Annabelle Elizabeth**, born in July 2002. Steve, an attorney, is still a legal publishing sales and marketing executive with Thomson Legal & Regulatory. They are happily living in Millburn, NJ, with their border collie, **Maze**. **Reva V. Schlesinger** married Peter Winston in Boston in October 2002, with Brandeis friends **Cara Aber Mandell** and **Darlene Brenner Matthews** in attendance. **Susan**

**Shulman** is the director of the Pro Bono Initiative at the Public Interest Law Initiative in Chicago, where she works with Chicago attorneys to encourage increased volunteer legal work for low-income individuals. She lives in Highland Park, IL, with her husband, **Avery Cohen**, and their son, **Eli**.

## '88

**15th Reunion June 20-22, 2003**  
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**Matthew Axelrod** was elected chair of the New Jersey region of the Cantors Assembly and the New Jersey Cantors Concert Ensemble. **Jill Brownrout Fried** and her husband, **Steve**, are doing great and enjoying life in south Florida with their two daughters, **Samantha** (3) and **Molly** (six months). **Kimberly MacLeod** resides in New York City with her husband, **Samoon**, and son, **Daniel**. She is employed by Lehman Brothers and finally settled into permanent offices after several 9/11-related moves. She also spent time in Montalcino, Italy, with **Cinzia Pangherz**, "enjoying Tuscan food and superb Brunello." **David M. Rosenblum** was the chair of Lavender Law 2002, the annual conference of the National Lesbian and Gay Law Association in Philadelphia in October 2002. He organized more than 50 breakout sessions on legal issues important to the LGBT community and sponsored the first national LGBT legal career fair. More than 350 law students, judges, and professors attended. **David P. Silverman** writes, "After several appearances on television (including *Hannity* and *Colmes* and Fox News), radio, and newspapers, I have finally been published in a book. An interview I conducted with the late Douglas Adams (author of the *Hitchhiker's Guide to the Galaxy* and a slew of other novels) has been included in his latest and last book, *The Salmon of Doubt*, published by Random House, and now available in bookstores. Don't forget to check out page 95!"



## '89

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This time we have news from coast to coast. For those of you with kids, you'll be glad to know that **Beth Schroeder Miller** lives in Los Angeles and is developing original kids' movies for the Disney Channel. On August 9, 2002, she gave birth to daughter Savannah Rae Miller. **Richie and Stacy Kanalslein Nockowitz** live in Columbus, OH, with their children, Jack (8) and Margot (5). Richie has a private psychiatry practice in northwestern Ohio. Stacy is a part-time mixed-media artist and hopes to get back to teaching in a year or two. **Alexandra Ainsztein** relocated to Howard County, MD, with her husband, Paul, from Scotland (three years ago), where she completed her postdoctoral training. She now works at the National Institute of Health as a scientific review administrator. Her review section deals with various aspects of cell biology. In their spare time, Alexandra and Paul are actively involved in county and state politics and working on various partisan and nonpartisan committees. **Melissa Haller** is a Spanish teacher in Colorado Springs, CO. She has two children, Samuel and Sarah, a husband, and a dog. She still has lots of Brandeis friends who she sees and speaks with regularly. She hopes to make it to a Reunion! **Rick Schoenberg** has been employed as Allstate Insurance Company's counsel (a.k.a. trial attorney) for the past five years. He and his wife, Maria Patrizio-Schoenberg, welcomed their first child, Ellen Ann Schoenberg, in September 2002. They live in Circleville, NY (75 miles northwest of New York City) and invite visitors! **Gary Zalkin** and his wife, Sheri Ostrov, live in Framingham, MA, with their two children. After Brandeis, Gary practiced psychotherapy until he was graduated from law school in 1999. He recently established a mental health

law practice in Boston. As the Brandeis family expands, be sure to check out the "Marriages/Unions" and "Births/Adoptions" sections in this edition of Class Notes. Remember, Reunion is only a year away so let us know what's new before we catch up in person. See you soon!

## '90

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Dear Class of 1990. What a cold and long winter for many of us!! Now that the spring is almost here, we can think about doing things outside again. Pick up a pen (or turn on your computer) and fill us in on what you've been doing. We're all curious!!! I hope to hear from you soon, so I can spread your news to the rest of our class. Best wishes, Judy. After living in Israel for 12 years, **Miriam (Marcy) Baskin Arnheim** and her family returned to the States for her husband's studies. They have three children, Shifra Orit, Yehuda Yosef, and Yishai Neriya. They live in the Baltimore area and Marcy works at Johns Hopkins Bayview Hospital as a social worker. **Kim Johnson Krummel** and her husband, Max, had a daughter, Esme, in June 2002. Kim writes that Esme is happy and healthy and just learning to roll over and sit up. Kim is taking a break from her freelance book editing business and taking care of her daughter. Since graduation, **Nancy Levenson Block** has lived in New York City where she has held several positions in finance and marketing. She received an M.B.A. in marketing from Baruch College in 1997 and worked in the investor relations industry for over four years. She was married in 1997 to Alan Block, and the matron of honor at her wedding was **Jennifer Allen**. She decided to take time off from her job to raise her daughter, Phoebe Hope, who was born in September 2001. **Andrea Malkin Brenner** received her Ph.D. in 2001. She is an assistant professor of sociology at American University in Washington, D.C., and resides in Bethesda, MD, with her husband, Rick, and their children, Talia and Caleb. **Sharon Roth** married Michael Rendelman in October 2002 with many former classmates in attendance including, **Eric Mulkowsky** **Angie Rollet**

**Stephanie Gillman Doyle '91**, **Dan Senes**, **Allison Meyers '92**, and **Sydra Mallory '93** Sharon and Michael make their home in Phoenix where Sharon is director of Temple Beth Israel's Chanen Preschool. **Wendy B. Samuelson** is a partner in the law firm of Samuelson Hause and Samuelson, LLP, a matrimonial litigation firm in Garden City, Long Island (www.matrimonial-attorneys.com). **Eric Weinstock** writes, "I've been married for five years. I have a little boy named Zachary (1). He is my first child. I have also opened a solo practice in endodontics in Canton/Sharon, MA, called Cobb Corner Endodontics. I would love to hear from my old classmates." **Andrew Zeitlin** was chair for an Alumni Club of Westchester County event, featuring author **Gil Schwartz '73** in Chappaqua, NY, on October 20, 2002.

## '91

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Thanks to all of you who have been writing in to keep us updated on your whereabouts. We celebrate your many good fortunes and wish you well in your transitions. For example, **Eric S. Askanase** and wife, Anca Dinu Askanase, proudly announce the birth of their daughter, Sophie Alise (a.k.a. Shira Aliza). Her brother Nathaniel is adjusting well to his filial duties! **Deborah Brody** was chair for an event at the Boca Raton Museum of Art for the Alumni Club of south Florida on October 20, 2002. **Amy Cohen-Callow**, mother to Daniel (7), Sydney (3), and Ari (1), wrote to tell us that she returned to school in the fall of 2002. She began studies for a Ph.D. in social work at the University of Maryland, Baltimore. In July 2001, **Wayne Cousin** and his wife, Laura Sher Cousin, moved back to Wayne's roots in Manalapan, NJ. Wayne is a senior associate at the

Manhattan law firm Gordon & Silber, where he greatly enjoys his work defending physicians in malpractice suits. **Debra Curtis** was event chair for an Alumni Club of Southern California Recent Graduates Network mixer at Gotham Hall's Martini Lounge in Santa Monica on November 14, 2002. **Paola Drapkin Vermeer**, who married Dan Vermeer in the summer of 2002, reports that she is working as an assistant research scientist studying cystic fibrosis at the Howard Hughes Medical Institute at the University of Iowa. **Kenny Forde** wrote to let us know that he relocated to Atlanta, where he is employed with The Home Depot as a corporate compliance specialist. Kenny celebrated his fourth wedding anniversary with wife, Rhonda, with whom he has a wonderful son (spoken like a proud pop!), Jared, who is three. **Galit (Gaye) Jacob Haim** and her husband, Avi, became parents again to daughter Lilach, born in July 2002. Galit and Avi also have two sons, Or-El (4) and Maoz (3). The Haim family lives in Kfar Vadim, Israel. I was excited to learn that **Julie Holtman-Marshall** was honored with the annual Colorado Associated Press Editors and Reporters Association award for feature writing for "Amanda's Song," a story about a young violinist with Down's Syndrome. She was a top 10 finalist in the 2002 Cassels competition, a national features writing contest sponsored by the Religion Newswriters Association of Ohio, and she was accepted to participate in the 2002 Gralla Fellows Program for Religion Journalists, held at Brandeis University. **Damon Lee** reports that he is now president of production and development at Urban Entertainment, an African-American and urban-focused media and internet production and distribution company based in Los Angeles. He most recently produced the big screen movie, *Undercover Brother*. In 2002, **Amanda Luell** left her job as copy editor with *Fishing & Hunting News* in Seattle and spent a month in Australia and a relaxing, unstructured summer in Seattle before moving to Pullman, WA, to become a veterinary student at Washington State University College of Veterinary Medicine. **Jennifer Nowak Weidner** is a trust and estates attorney with Boylan Brown in Rochester, NY. She met her husband,

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# Marriages and Unions

Class	Name	Date
1979	Paul O. Broude and Nadine Brown	April 14, 2002
	Christopher Johnson and Jaqueline Mandel	September 2, 2002
1986	Jani M. Foley and Scott Salant	June 13, 1998
1987	Rachel Kenyon Perkel and Shawn Herman Becker	October 5, 2002
	Reva V. Schlesinger and Peter Winston	October 20, 2002
1989	Stephanie Freeman and James McKeon	November 15, 1998
	Janel Weinberg and Joseph Butler	May 11, 2002
1990	Eva Lelkowitz and Eric Loken	June 8, 2002
	Nancy Levenson and Alan Block	November 8, 1997
	Ymke Mulder and Cornelius Holtorf	January 3, 2001
	Sharon Roth and Michael Rendelman	October 12, 2002
1991	Paola Orapkin and Dan Vermeer	July 12, 2002
	Larry Kahn and Risa Cohen	October 20, 2001
	Melissa A. Posdamer and Jean-Michel Santacreu	August 31, 2002
	Julianne Schwarz and David Jaffe	February 6, 2000
	Samantha Sora Supernaw and Margaret Parker	March 9, 2003
1992	Lara Alper and Brahm Nathans	September 1, 2002
	Selena Luftig and Neil Cousin	June 23, 2002
1993	Shelley R. Blanksteen and Jonathan D. Casciano '96 M.A. '96	June 29, 2002
	Jill Lyn Safirstein and Sean David Wise	November 5, 2002
1994	Amy Lynn Fishbein and Jeffrey Brightfield	April 27, 2002
	Anal Hampel and Michael Zirk	November 9, 2002
	Ilyse Miriam Passo and Shimon Benzagmi	August 25, 1995
1995	Tamara Kronis and Martin Traub-Werner	August 11, 2002
	Rachel Mara Zimmerman and Scott David Brachman	August 25, 2002
1996	Heather Israel and Benjamin Robert Frimmer	October 6, 2002
1997	Rebecca Karlovsky and Mitchell Feder	October 26, 2002
	Melanie Ann Spring and Barry Harris	October 6, 2002
	Liz Rosenkranz and Dan Sokolov	July 21, 2002
1998	Jason Dell and Danielle Christine Costa	June 1, 2002
	Rebecca Karlovsky and Mitchell Feder	October 26, 2002
	Miriam Menasha and Rajiv Mangani	March 17, 2002
	Melanie Ann Spring and Barry Harris	October 6, 2002
	Liz Rosenkranz and Dan Sokolov	July 21, 2002
	Arlene Zizmor and Jay Shiner	May 5, 2002
1999	Aura Twersky and Daniel Lurie '94	July 21, 2002
	Libbi Levine and Aviv Segev	August 4, 2002
	Naomi B. Rosen and David Rogosin	June 3, 2001
2000	Andria Dugger and Nicholas J. De Van	October 26, 2002
2001	Elizabeth Keenan and Daniel Broskol '00	July 28, 2002



Above: Wedding of Wendy Morris '95 and Marc Berliner '95

Right: Jeffrey Weisel, Gela Wax '97, Regina Volynsky Weisel '97, and Elina Goman Baskin '97

Below: Wedding of Arlene Zizmor '98 and Jay Shiner



Mike, in Rochester and they are parents to daughter, Adelaide Eve (5), and son, George Evan Michael (3). The family lives in Victor, NY, with their two cats. **Claudia Salomon**, an attorney, wrote to let us know that she is employed by Squire, Sanders & Dempsey in Prague, Czech Republic. She is coordinating the firm's international arbitration and litigation practice in Central Europe while her husband, poet Jorn Ake, just published his first book, *Asleep in the Lightning Fields*. Claudia welcomes e-mail from friends at [csalomon@ssd.com](mailto:csalomon@ssd.com)

**Melissa Posdamer Santacreu** has lived through an intense period of change, starting with an October 2001 move from New York City to Orlando, FL. In August 2002, Melissa married Jean-Michel Santacreu, with whom she owns a corporate events design and production business, The Art of the Party. **Julianne Schwarz Jaffe** wrote to report that she was graduated from Hofstra University School of Law in 1997 and married David Jaffe, in 2000. Julianne works in the antitrust department of the law firm Howrey, Simon, Arnold & White and lives in Silver Spring, MD. She and her husband became first-time parents with the July 2002 birth of daughter Sydney. **Suzanne A. Tuchin** lives in Hingham, MA, and writes that she became a stay-at-home parent upon the birth of her identical twin boys, Adam and Alexander. This brings Suzanne's brood up to three, all boys; big brother Andrew is four.

**Julian E. Zelizer** and his wife, Nora, are proud new parents of daughter Sophia. Julian's professional life is flourishing with the publication of his article, "Guns and Butter: Government Can Run More than A War," in *The New York Times*. He has signed with Princeton University Press as a coeditor for its *Politics and Society in Twentieth Century America* book series and accepted a new faculty position at the public policy school of SUNY-Albany.



Shana Aelony '94 and Francesca Segre '94

## '92

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**Lara Alper and Brahm Nathans** were married in September 2002 at the Art Gallery of Ontario in Toronto, Canada. After a honeymoon in Menorca and Spain, Lara began work as an associate in the business law department at McCarthy Tetrault LLP. **Julie Krasnoger** was the event chair for a fall networking reception for the Alumni Club of New York City Young Lawyers Network at Brandeis House on November 20, 2002.

## '93

10th Reunion - June 20-22, 2003

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Wasn't it only five years ago that we said "maybe not this time around, but I'll come back for the 10th Reunion?" Well, here it is, Spring of 2003, and time for us all to gather back on campus in June! Thanks to all who have submitted or posted updates. Please continue sharing your news with our class - and please make plans to celebrate our 10th together June 20-22! **Tova Abrams Markowitz** writes, "Over Labor Day weekend 2002 we had a Ramah/Brandeis reunion at Camp Ramah in the Berkshires with Brandeis alumni and the next generation, including **Josh Savitz** and **Ariella Sandy Arnowitz Stern** and **Jessica, Tova Abrams Markowitz** and **Eitan**, and **Liz Arnold Spevak '94**." In addition, Tova

received her certification in literacy and works part-time as a reading specialist at Hewlett Elementary School. After nine years working for State Street Global Advisors in Boston, **Brad Ahm** relocated to SSGA's Hong Kong office, where he manages Asian equities portfolios. **Shelley Blanksteen Casciano** received an M.A. in physical therapy from Washington University School of Medicine in December 2002. She was married to **Jonathan Casciano '96** (M.A. '96, history of American civilization) in Little Rock, AR, in June 2002. **Johnathan Brownlee** is the host of *Johnathan Brownlee's atHome*, a home renovation series with humor and panache, seen now on Global television nationally in Canada and scheduled to air in the United States in 2003. Check the show out at [www.athome-tv.com](http://www.athome-tv.com). **Cori Ann Copilevitz** is finishing her fellowship in allergy and immunology at St. Louis University after completing internal medicine training at Emory University in Atlanta. She plans to move to Kansas City in the summer of 2003. **Laura J. Lewis-Tulfin** writes, "In August 2002 I (finally) defended my dissertation and earned my Ph.D. in neurobiology from Duke University. My partner, Amalie, and I love Durham, NC, and intend to remain here, so I will look locally





**Sandy Arnowitz Stern '93, Tova Abrams Markowitz '93, Liz Arnold Spevak '94, Josh Savitz '93, and children**

for a post-doctoral research position." **Allen and Stacy Rubtchinsky Kamer** live in Marblehead, MA. Allen does market research for Biogen. After taking time off to enjoy baby Eliana, Stacy will return to a residency in family practice in Malden, MA. They enjoy caring for their two dogs, Rusty and Lilah. **David Solomon** is still with Microsoft. Having moved to Seattle, he reports, "With a smile, that West Coast winters beat New England's."

**Mimi Steinberg Pomeranz** and her husband, Alan, are back in Denver, where they have been living since 2000. They have a daughter, Sophie, who turned 2 in March 2003. Mimi writes, "After working in the art world for four years, I'm currently a full-time mom (for now) and loving it!" **David Wittenberg** writes, "I am enjoying life as an animation voice artist, writer, and actor in the fabulous Westwood area of Los Angeles, where I've been for about three years. I'm doing voice work for a number of projects including *Speed Racer*, in which I'm the voice of Speed (shown on Nickelodeon, Sunday afternoons between football games). In addition, I'm writing for and doing voice work on *Digimon*, which is the redheaded stepchild of the Disney family (UPN Saturday mornings, goodness knows what time). On top of that I've done several indie films of late playing everything from disturbed psychopaths to a modern American philosopher known as 'Mediocrates'."

## '94

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Hi All. I was just glancing over my last Class Notes submission and saw that I wrote it right before I moved. Well, I am doing the same this time. This will be my eighth move since Brandeis, but it is into my first house with my husband, **Greg '95**, and daughter, Lindsey. I am really impressed with all the wonderful notes. I think this set a new record for the number of submissions since graduation. Thanks for all the great information and please keep them coming. I love hearing from you all. **Shana Aelony**, a master's degree student in urban planning at UCLA, and **Francesca Segre**, a health reporter for Reuters living in New York City, teamed up for a fabulous two-week trip to Brazil in May 2002. **Amy Lynn Fishbein** was married in New York City, where she lives and works. Amy is the senior health editor at *Fitness* magazine. She previously worked as the health and fitness editor at *Seventeen* magazine and published a book on friendship advice for teenage girls called *The Truth About Girlfriends*. After several years in the nonprofit and private sectors, **Josh Freed** returned to politics as press secretary for U.S. Representative Diana

DeGette (D-CO). He lives with his wife and their cat in Mt. Pleasant, Washington. **D.C. Lisa Goldstein** is a third grade teacher in Mamaroneck, NY, while maintaining a residence in Manhattan. She is very active in UJA-Federation of New York's Young Leadership Division, chairing a task force and sitting on the Young Leadership Council. She recently returned from a solidarity mission to Israel. She is also a member of the Brandeis New York Recent Graduates Network and was cochair of "Party at Mod 1024" in February 2003. **Natalie Melissa Greenberg Gagnon** is living at 9,318 feet in Silverton, CO, a very small mountain town in the southwest part of the state. She is married to Kevin and has identical twin girls, Josephine and Vivian, who are 1-year-old. She stays at home with the girls and has found a few outlets for her interests. She started the Silverton Film Society and shows foreign and domestic indies each week. Also, since there is no place locally to buy organics, she started an organic produce-buying club. She loves small-town life and the fact that her contributions to the community make a difference. She does miss the good food and culture of the East Coast but gets her fill during visits. **Deirdre Kamber** and her husband, Louis, opened their law firm, Kamber and Chisari, in Garden City, NY. **Joshua Klainberg** is the political director for an environmental political organization, the New York League of Conservation Voters. Recently he received a master's degree in urban planning from the Wagner School of Public Service

at New York University. **Michael Klein** is working towards his Ph.D. in clinical psychology at Columbia University. **Daniel Lurie** is an associate in the corporate finance department of Skadden, Arps, Slate, Meagher & Flom LLP in New York. He lives in New York City with his wife, **Aura Twersky '98**. **Jon Malkin** is a director in the Private Placement Division at CIBC World Markets, a far cry from waiting tables at The Stein. He and his wife, Karen, live in New York City. **Rachel Nash** passed the New York and New Jersey bar exams and is a licensed attorney in both states. Her practice is mainly real estate law, and her Website is [www.BarristerNYC.com](http://www.BarristerNYC.com). In addition, Cardozo Law School has nominated and elected her to the executive board, where she sits as a chairperson of recent graduates. She has had two successful networking programs and is planning a third. Rachel, along with her sister, Esther, cowrote, directed, and produced the movie *Fashionista Dating*, which aired in November on Time Warner cable, RCN, and the Internet. **Ilyse Miriam Passo Benzaghi** has been teaching English at Galilee High School in Kfar Saba for five years. She made Aliya in 1996 and is enjoying life in Israel with her husband and three children despite turbulent times. **Daniel Royzman** was graduated from Harvard University in June 2002 with a certificate in periodontics and a master's degree in medical science in oral biology. He lives in New York City where he practices periodontics and implant dentistry. His best friend, **Michael Mikhailov**, became his brother-in-law when he married Dan's sister Daria Royzman on December 15, 2002. In attendance at the wedding were Brandeis alumni **Richard Davies**, **Elyse Mittler**, **Bob Pacelli**, **Ilya Fuchs**, **Matt Huss '93**, **Jeff Shear '95**, **Deepak Reddy '95**, **Mike Levison '95**, and of course, **Dan**. **Ronna J. Shain Gyllenhaal** works as a marketing associate for Pitcairn Trust and is finishing up her M.B.A. at Villanova University. **Jody Shapiro** returned to his hometown of Spokane, WA, after graduating from Brandeis.

He worked in an alternative middle school program before earning his master's degree in psychology from Eastern Washington University and getting his license as a mental health counselor. Through his work as a therapist in the public mental health system, he received a designation as a child mental health specialist. He and his wife, Hikaru, work as school counselors on the Coeur d'Alene Indian Reservation. In addition, Jody is representing Brandeis as the sole member of the Alumni Admissions Council for the Spokane area. And most importantly, he never misses the chance to see Bob Dylan when he comes through town. **Sara Shapiro-Plevan** and her husband, Bill, moved into their own apartment in Manhattan. She started a doctoral program in Jewish education at the Jewish Theological Seminary in the fall of 2002, while continuing as the education director at Congregation Habonim on the Upper West Side. **Roy Silver** is a third-year resident in Ob/Gyn at the University of Nevada in Las Vegas. **Kimberlee Tarr Schumacher** resides in Swampscott, MA, with her husband, Alec. She is pursuing an M.B.A. degree from Northeastern University and is in a management development program at Blue Cross Blue Shield of Massachusetts. **Rebecca J. Wechter Ginsburg** was graduated from the George Washington University Physician Assistant Program in August 2001 and is now practicing with Kent Hospital Internal Medicine in Warwick, RI.

## '95

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**Jeff Aizley** left his job as a software engineer in May 2002 to manage a hair salon for the summer in Provincetown, MA. After that, he took a five-month cross-country road trip. **Seth Borden** is a senior associate at the New York City labor law firm Kreitzman, Mortensen, Simon and Irgang. He has reconnected to Brandeis by joining the New York Recent Graduates Network Steering Committee. He chaired his first event, not surprisingly, a holiday happy hour, which brought out a crowd of almost 100 alumni, many of whom were

members of the Classes of 1993, 1994, and 1995! **Matthew Cole** is finishing his residency in internal medicine at Dartmouth. Upon completing his residency, he will pursue a gastroenterology fellowship. **Gabrielle Garschina** and **Stephen Bobrow '96** married in the fall of 2000 in scenic Montauk, NY, and are now the parents of tiny Esperanza Garschina-Bobrow, born November 18, 2002. They would love to here from old Brandeisians—[garschbob@hotmail.com](mailto:garschbob@hotmail.com). **Robin E. Kalish** is a second-year resident physician in pediatrics at Northwestern University. **Allison Karlan Kaplan** was graduated from her family medicine residency in Scottsdale, AZ, and has entered into private practice with a family practice group in Chandler, AZ, a southeastern suburb of Phoenix. **Bismruta Misra** was graduated from Howard University College of Medicine in Washington, D.C., and started an internal medicine residency at Brown University College of Medicine. She writes, "I was so happy to see **Michael Papper** as a second-year resident!" **Wendy Morris** was married to **Marc Berliner** on October 19, 2002, after meeting at our fifth Reunion in 2000. There were three generations of Brandeisians at the wedding including Wendy's parents, **Ken '69** and **Sandy Epstein Morris '70**, and grandmother, Mollie Morris, who has worked (and continues to work) for the National Women's Committee for more than 25 years. Other alumni in attendance included **Dan Schopick '69**, **Brian Morrison '96**, **Jessica Meltzer**, **Lauren Dropkin**, **Erica Michals Silverman '95**, **Amir** and **Michelle Saar Weiss**, **Melissa Heller**, **Stacey Mirsky Simon**, **Harry Greenbaum**, **Ian Marinoff**, **Noah** and **Risa Soble Corp. J.J.**, and **Michelle Newman Berny '96**. **Rich** and **Rachel Frankle Greenfield**, **Jay Waldhauser**, **Kevin** and **Heather Weiner Berman**, and **Judy Weinberg Kessler**. **Deborah Needleman-Armintor** received her Ph.D. in English from Rice University in May 2002, and is now assistant professor of English at the University of North Texas, where she teaches 18th-century British literature and gender studies. Deborah has articles appearing in *The Eighteenth*



*Century: Theory and Interpretation and Literature and Psychology*, and is editor of *Eighteenth Century British Erotica II*. She also serves as field editor of *Bibliographic and Textual Studies for the Eighteenth Century: A Current Bibliography*, and is working on a book about the proliferation of diminutive men in British literature of the 1700s. Deborah lives in Denton, TX, with her husband, Marshall, and their 3-year-old rescued Newfoundland, Jason. Holistic dentist **Oara Neumann Kessler**, served as chair and moderator for and Alumni Club of New York City Allied Health Professionals Network event at Brandeis House on November 13, 2002. **Hannah Sacks Bookbinder** and her husband, **Mark Bookbinder '96** live in Philadelphia and celebrated the arrival of their first child, Evan Scott, in July 2002. Hannah is in private practice as a licensed social worker. After working as a writer/journalist, **Emily Sandler Farache** and her husband, **Olivier '96**, left New York City for Los Angeles where she is pursuing her M.F.A. at the American Film Institute. Emily writes, "Shilo, our dog, was happy to make the move." **Ben Shoer** writes, "Life-wise, this past summer (2002) I moved to Marlton, NJ, to live with my fiancé, Mardi Laveson. Career-wise, after five years in journalism, I'm going into public education. I was approved as a substitute teacher and I'm starting the process for becoming a high school history teacher for a public school in New Jersey. I am even considering graduate school. South Jersey is pleasant, and has lots of malls!" **Seth Rubin** is family practice chief resident at Shady Side Hospital in Pittsburgh. **Keren Weinberg** is back in school, studying art therapy in Israel. **Rachel Mara Zimmerman** married Scott David Brachman in Rachel's hometown of London, Ontario, Canada, in August 2002. They live in Sherman Oaks, CA. Rachel is the educational outreach coordinator for California Institute of Technology's Center for Neuromorphic Systems Engineering. **Rachel Wilgoren** received her J.D. from Columbia Law School and her M.S.W. from the Columbia University School of Social Work in May 2002. She took the New York bar exam and works as an associate in the healthcare department of Proskauer Rose LLP in New York City.

'96

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Happy New Year Class of 1996! Can you believe that it has been more than six years since we were graduated from Brandeis? A lot has happened. Personally, I completed my Doctor of Psychology (Psy D.) degree from the California School of Professional Psychology at Alliant International University. I work for a partial hospitalization program at Paradise Valley Hospital with patients diagnosed with chronic and acute mental illness. I still live in the beautiful city of San Diego. Here's how the rest of our class is doing:

**Michael Altose** and his wife, Brenda, had their first child, Batsheva Miriam, in October 2002. You can see lots of pictures of the baby at [http://biocserver.cwru.edu/~michael\\_maccabee\\_avishur](http://biocserver.cwru.edu/~michael_maccabee_avishur) received his master's degree in theology from the University of Cambridge, England. He married Alexis Letvin in August 2002, and after the wedding they moved to Los Angeles. **Stephen Bobrow** married **Gabrielle Garschina '95** in the fall of 2000 in scenic Montauk, NY, and are now the parents of tiny Esperanza Garschina-Bobrow, born November 18, 2002. They would love to here from old Brandeisian friends—[garschbob@hotmail.com](mailto:garschbob@hotmail.com).

**Mark Bookbinder** and his wife, **Hannah Sacks Bookbinder '95**, live in Philadelphia and celebrated the arrival of their first child, Evan Scott on July 22, 2002. Mark is a financial planner in Cherry Hill, NJ. **Eddie Bruckner** and his wife, Debra, are the proud parents of Rachel Maya, born on February 4, 2003. Rachel was born at Beth Israel Deaconess Medical Center, weighed seven pounds and measured 19 inches long. **Jonathan Casciano** (M.A. '96, history of American civilization) is a sophomore at University of Arkansas College of Medicine. He married **Shelley R. Blanksteen '93** in Little Rock, AR, in June 2002. **Alissa DuBrow Meltzer** writes, "After six years in advertising, I have

traded in life in the corporate world to become a teacher. I am now teaching first grade in San Jose, CA, and am going to school in the evenings to earn my teaching credential. It is a challenging yet rewarding endeavor!"

**Olivier Farache** and his wife, **Emily Sandler Farache '95**, left New York City for Los Angeles. After working at Cravath, Swaine & Moore as a corporate associate, Olivier now works in securities litigation at Brobeck, Phleger and Harrison. Their dog, Shilo, "was happy to make the move." **Dena Groothuis Weiner** writes, "I am happy to report that my husband, J.J., and I are living in Roslyn, NY. We teach elementary school in Long Island. We moved into a new home and four months later our first child, Andie Lauren, was born in July 2002. She has changed our lives in so many ways and we cherish every day with her." **Heather Israel** was graduated from Cornell Medical College in 2000 and is a second-year radiology resident at New York Presbyterian Hospital-Cornell Medical Center. She married Benjamin Robert Frimmer in October 2002. Brandeisians in attendance included

**Sandra Block**, **Andrew Rettig**, **Allegra Dahan Ruggles**, **Rachel Berman**, **Rebecca Bergman Alkon**, and **Joseph Aikun '95**. **Melissa Joy Federman** earned her master's degree in Near Eastern and Judaic Studies from Brandeis in 1997. She is now enrolled in an M.S.W. program at Columbia University. **Merideth Finn** is the director of acquisitions and production for New Line Cinema/Fine Line Features operating out of New Line's New York office. **Abbi Friedman Perets** and her husband moved back to the States two years ago. They live outside of Los Angeles with their two daughters; their younger daughter was born in a planned homebirth. Abbi works as a freelance writer and serves as a senior contributing editor with several national magazines. Check her work out at [www.DearAbbi.com](http://www.DearAbbi.com)!

**Michael Mahoney** is in his second year of an M.B.A./M.S.F. program at the University of Denver. **Marnie Dana Pariser** moved from New York to Las Vegas, and she reportedly loves it. She is looking for her second paralegal job. **Guy Raz** completed a two-year assignment in Berlin as Eastern Europe bureau chief for National Public Radio. In November, he moved to London to run NPR's London office. After

several years working as a management consultant with Product Knowledge Systems, and a P&L director with Linkage, Inc., **Michael Schultz** has formed a management consulting firm, the Wellesley Hills Group, [www.whillsgroup.com](http://www.whillsgroup.com).

He and his wife, **Allison Sherwat Schultz**, have completed graduate degrees (Allison received an M.P.H. from Boston University and Mike received an M.B.A. from Babson College) and live in Ashland, MA, with their puppy, Toby. In May of 2002, **Erika Schwartz** was graduated from Temple University School of Podiatric Medicine. She is now a first-year resident in podiatric surgery at Washington Hospital Center in Washington, D.C. **Matthew Solomonson** was graduated, Order of the Coif, with his J.D./M.B.A. from the University of Maryland. He works as a law clerk to Judge Francis Allegra, United States Court of Federal Claims, Washington, D.C. Following his clerkship, Matthew will join Arnold & Porter (also in D.C.) as an associate. Any soon-to-be law school grads interested in clerking for the Court of Federal Claims is welcome to contact him at [Matthew\\_Solomonson@ao.uscourts.gov](mailto:Matthew_Solomonson@ao.uscourts.gov). **Serena Walnick Madar** was graduated *magna cum laude* from New England School of Law in May 2002. She is a first-year litigation associate at Bingham McCutchen LLP in Boston and passed the July 2002 Massachusetts bar exam.

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**William C. Donovan** is an associate in the corporate, finance, and real estate groups of Burns & Levinson LLP in Boston. He participated in Burns & Levinson's summer associates program in 2001. He received a J.D. degree, *cum laude*, in May 2002 from Suffolk University Law School, where he was a case comment editor on the *Suffolk University*



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was graduated with her master's degree in social work from the Boston University School of Social Work. She also got her certificate in human services management. She is employed at Combined Jewish Philanthropies as the missions coordinator. **Jennifer A. Gutmaker** is pursuing a Master of Education degree with a major in secondary social studies education at Arcadia University in Glenside, PA. She was also quoted in the October 2002 issue of *Majesty Magazine* (published in the United Kingdom with an international distribution base) as an expert on European royalty. The article described the many tragedies surrounding the former ruling family of the Grand Duchy of Hesse and by Rhine, including the role of Princess Alix of Hesse, who became the last Empress Consort of Russia. She also contributed research towards a three-part series on the daughters of Emperor Nicholas II of Russia to be published in the spring of 2003. On October 16, 2002, **Alexander Hallock** received a Ph.D. in physical chemistry from Stanford University. In January 2003, he became a post-doctoral researcher in chemistry at Columbia University. On the more physical side, he received a black belt in Kokondo Jukido in 2001 and in June 2002 received a black belt in Kokondo Karate. **Alan Hagan** lives with his partner in upstate New York. He is a freelance writer whose work has appeared in the magazines *Instinct* and *xy*, as well as *The Windy City Times*. He was chosen as a Genremen for *Genre* magazine in September 2001. He now writes a regular column for *Capitalman* magazine.

**Miriam Ann Leibowitz** is a Jewish Organizing Initiative Fellow at the Harvard Union of Clerical and Technical Workers...a union organizer! Now instead of being a receptionist, she helps them get better benefits.

**Ben N. Lockshin** was graduated from Georgetown University School of Medicine in 2001 and is a second-year dermatology resident at Georgetown University Hospital. **Liz Rosenkrantz** was married to Dan Sokolov in July 2002. They honeymooned in South Africa, and reside in Washington, D.C., where Liz teaches high school English at the Charles E. Smith Jewish Day School. **Melanie Ann Spring** was married on October 6, 2002, to Barry Harris. **Rachel Stein '97** was one of her bridesmaids. She was graduated in December 2002 with her master's degree in marine science from the College of William and Mary/Virginia Institute of Marine Science. In February 2003, she moved to Washington, D.C., where she started a one-year environmental policy fellowship with NOAA. **Regina Volynsky** and Jeffrey Weisel were married on June 9, 2002, at the Sephardic Temple in Cedarhurst, NY. They are practicing attorneys in Long Island. Rabbi **Robert Pilavin '79** officiated the ceremony. **Gela Wax** served as Maid of Honor. Other alumni attending the wedding included **Jill Berger '98**, **Elena Goman Baskin**, **Miriam Menasha Menglani '98**, **Marc Mory '98** and **Stephanie Pappas '98**.

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**5th Reunion June 20-22, 2003**

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While working as an account executive at a high-tech public relations firm in Boston, **Laura Ackerman** began taking classes part-time for her M.B.A. at Bentley's McCallum School of Business. **Mican Berman** was graduated from Stanford Law School in 2001. He lives in Washington, D.C., and is a criminal prosecutor for the Antitrust Division of the U.S. Department of Justice. **Jason Dell** was married in June 2002 and began the M.B.A. program at the Robert H. Smith School of Business at the University of Maryland. He lives in Silver Spring, MD, and



works for a startup software development firm called Kesem Technology. **Amy Feinstein** was graduated in May 2002 with her master's degree in architectural history from the University of Virginia School of Architecture. She is pursuing her Ph.D. in architectural history, also at the University of Virginia. **Michelle Leder** chairs the Alumni Club of New York City Media Network. **Marina Mazor** was graduated from Duke Law School in 2001 and clerked for the Honorable Hugh Bowles on the United States Court of Appeals for the First Circuit. She has since moved to Washington, D.C., and works as an associate at Wilmer, Cutler & Pickering. **Miriam Menasha** married Rajiv Maglani on March 17, 2002. Brandeisians in attendance included **Regina Volynsky '97**, **Jessica Temkin**, **Rachael Max**, **Anna Robyn '97**, and **Sarah Berkson**. More information and pictures from the wedding are available at <http://wedding.imagineblue.com>. **Jeremy Sharp** joined the Congressional Research Service in Washington, D.C. as a Middle East analyst. **Aura Twersky** is a head teacher at West End Day School, a private special education school on the Upper West Side of New York City. She also lives in New York City with her husband, **Daniel Lurie '94**. **Karen Youman** is once again spending her days at Brandeis as the associate director of alumni and university relations. She lives in Brookline, MA.

## '99

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A cold winter, worries of war, and other hard times remind us how important it is to stay in touch with friends and family. **Naomi Hoffman** definitely escaped the cold by going to graduate school at the University of Hawaii, where she is pursuing a master's degree in botany. "I'm a teacher's assistant for ecology and evolution lab," she writes, "so I get to take undergrads to play in the ocean, rainforest, and streams...and read their

lengthy excel lab reports (wow, do I have sympathy for my bio T.A.'s now!)." On her own time, Naomi is proposing a thesis to study pollination of native plants in Hawaii, "and of course ride a few waves on the North Shore!" Waves of class notes bring more news of success: the Virginia Partisans Gay and Lesbian Democratic Club, the Virginia state chapter of the National Stonewall Democrats, has elected **Josh Israel** as their new president. Josh has lived in Arlington for the past two-and-a-half years, working as a volunteer on the campaigns of Senator Robb, Governor Warner, State Senator Leslie Byrne, State Senate candidate Rosemary Lynch, and former House of Delegates candidate Mark Sickles. In a press release from the organization, Josh said, "This is a tremendous opportunity and I am truly honored by the trust and encouragement of the board. Jim Ball and the rest of the board have really moved this organization forward and I am very excited to continue that progress. Virginia remains one of the least GLBT-friendly states from a legal standpoint and we need to work together to change that." In a personal e-mail, Josh let me know that he is also working as the researcher for Pulitzer Prize-winning author/historian Nick Kotz. "Together, we are working on a book on Lyndon Johnson and Martin Luther King's relationship and impact as they worked to pass the civil rights laws of the 1960s." Not too far away, in Washington D.C., **Ben Sandler** was graduated with a Master of Arts in liberal studies (concentration: international affairs) from Georgetown University. Ben lives just outside of Washington, D.C. **Amy Mirsky Gutell** was promoted to episode coordinator for Nickelodeon's *Blues Clues* on the heels of her marriage to **Adam Gutell '98** in September 2001. "We are living happily ever after in New York City, along with many other Brandeis alumni," she writes, adding that Adam has just started at St. John's Law School, "and is really enjoying it." Back up north, **Jessica Stillman**, **Ali Aaronson**, **Stephani Friedman**, **Vicki Zaydman**, **Cynthia Trajtenberg**, and **Liza Milgrim** studied successfully in Newton, MA, for the LSAT and were graduated from Brooklyn (Jess, Stef, and Ali), Cardozo (Vicki), Boston University (Cynthia), and St. John's (Liza). Jessica reported they all passed the New York Bar.

Also in New York, **Marci Bellos** began her fourth year of rabbinical school at Hebrew Union College-Jewish Institute of Religion in New York City. "I will be receiving my master's degree in Hebrew literature this year (2003)," she writes, "and will be ordained in May 2004. It's crazy how quickly time is passing!" Crazy indeed. I remember only four years ago, **Paula Conis** and I were helping one another cope with the stresses of student-teaching in our final year at Brandeis. Surprise—we're still in the field of education nonetheless. Paula just finished her Ed.M. in special education this May at Boston University, and now works as a special education teacher at Melrose High School in Melrose, MA. Even bigger news in Paula's life—she is busy planning her wedding to **Scott Shapiro**, who's now working for Winnmill Software, also in the Boston area. My old first-year roomie, **Daniel Green**, is also in the field of education, getting a master's degree in education from Harvard and student-teaching in Brookline, with plans to move to California in a few months with girlfriend **Jennifer Grile**. Already out West (well, more west than Boston) is **Lucy Hadenfield**, who moved to Indianapolis "with her two cats and the same guy from the Internet." When last I heard, she was searching for a human resources job. When last in town (Beantown, that is), she was a bridesmaid for **Anna Margulis's** wedding, which, in Lucy's words, "was attended by tons of Brandeisians crying 'Mazel tov!' and 'Tofurkey!'" Another Brandeisian in the Midwest is **Chava Zibman**, a second-year Ph.D. student in statistics at the University of Chicago. The "class note from farthest away" prize goes to **Sarah Berger**, who writes from Denmark, and is planning her wedding to Peter Laybourn, of Copenhagen, Denmark. The two will wed in August of 2003 on the Amalfi Coast in Italy. As class correspondent, I've grown accustomed to seeing news of wedding after wedding light up my computer screen, so why is it so odd to post one more—mine? That's right, **David Nurenberg**, still teaching high school English in Concord, MA, is planning a wedding to Liana Tuller. Like me, she's a writer. Unlike me, she speaks French. Anyone interested in

**Sheila Clemon-Karp '80** (Ph.D., English and American literature) passed away on November 23, 2002, after a long battle with breast cancer. She is survived by her husband, Lawrence, her children, Robert, Andrea, Linda, and Kerry; a brother, Edward; a sister, Judith; three grandchildren and many beloved nieces and nephews. **Michael Duignan '82** (Ph.D., chemistry) passed away on October 27, 2002. He is survived by a wife, son, his mother, father, brother, and two sisters. **Ngoc Nguyen Thai '89** passed away on September 21, 2002, from a heart ailment at the age of 37. He fled Vietnam at

the age of 14 and became an influential attorney in Boston's Vietnamese community. He was a top student at Acton High School and after passing the Massachusetts Bar in 1996; he was one of only a few Vietnamese attorneys in the state. His Dorchester practice was an advocate for Vietnamese immigrants, representing them, often for free, in housing deals, civil proceedings, and other legal matters. He leaves his wife, Thu-Trang, a daughter, Kim-Uyen; his parents, a brother, and a sister. **Marshall Steven Tokson '72** died unexpectedly on August 26 while on vacation in Naples, FL. He was a physician who served his residency at Bay State

in New York. Her roommate is **Jennifer Weiner**, who is an account executive in public relations at Manning, Selvage & Lee. They have a purple couch! **Tom Sallee** and **Jillian Wetmore** were happily married on January 19, 2002, during the only blizzard in Massachusetts that season! Brandeis grads in attendance were **Doug '92** and **Pam Hodgson '91 Williams**, **Brooke Levinson '99**, **Jillian Quinn**, **Sally Gee**, **Colin Swales '99**, **Jeff Symons '01**, **Allison Kalish '99**, **Steve Gaskos '99**, **Elana Gross '99**, **Dave Lebolt '99**, and **Sandee Pandit '01**. Tom is a first lieutenant in the U.S. Marine Corps, stationed at Marine Corps Air Station at Miramar, CA. Jillian finished her Master's of Education degree from Lesley University and is teaching in Solana Beach, CA. **Scott Grebstein** and **Brooke Silverstein '01** were married in Phoenix on May 26, 2002, in the company of many close Brandeis friends. Upon marriage, Scott and Brooke legally adopted the surname "Stein." Brooke and Scott are expected to graduate from law school at the University of Arizona in May '03 and '04, respectively. **Odelia Levy** is attending Brooklyn Law School doing political work with the American Constitutional Society and assisting with capital punishment research for death row appeals. After a two-year stint in Japan, **Ksenia Babich** is back in America, living in Worcester, MA, and deciding between graduate schools. **Hu**

Medical in Springfield, MA, for three years and began practicing in Bridgewater for a medical group. He later opened his own practice in Franklin, specializing in internal medicine. Marshall is survived by his wife, Sally; four daughters, Jessica, Sarah Gonyea, Elisabeth Gonyea, and Audrey Gonyea; two sons, Matthew and Adam Gonyea, a brother; and many nieces, nephews, and cousins.

**Alaric Toy** worked in the public schools of the San Francisco East Bay California for the past two years. He now attends the University of Florida's M.F.A. acting program as a member of the Class of 2005 and is pursuing many interests. Alaric writes, "Don't be surprised if another Liquid Latex Show finds its way down here soon. To all my friends I've lost touch with, please come by and visit!" After graduating from Teachers College, Columbia University, with a Master of Education in student personnel administration, **Amy Fisher** accepted a job at Penn State University, University Park campus, in the Office of Residence Life. Though she misses New York City, she has learned to enjoy living in rural central Pennsylvania. **Emily Kargauer** was married to **Adam Samansky** in August 2002. Emily is a law student at Boston College and Adam is in his second year at Suffolk Law. They live in Newton, MA. **Yael Schmidt** was married to Joshua Rosen in August 2002. They live in Somerville, MA, and Yael is a second-year medical student at Boston University. **Dina Zolitsky** worked for a year as a math editor and product specialist for William K. Bradford Publishing Company in Concord, MA, in September 2002. She started a new job, as a mathematics high school teacher at Hopkinton High School, in Hopkinton, MA. She is also teaching American Jewish History to seventh graders at Congregation Beth Elohim in Acton, MA. **Andria Ougger** married Nicholas J. De Van on October 26,

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**Tamara Beliak** married Zeev Neumeier in Los Angeles on August 19, 2002. Brandeis alumni in attendance were: **Dan Sichel**, **Bethany Friedlander '99**, **Chava Zibman '99**, **Natasha Kipp**, **Joyce Lin**, **Ariel Serkin**, **Scott Buchanon '96**, **Jeremy Ginsberg**, **Lauren Elson**, **Naomi Katz**, and **Eve Levavi '02**. **Emily Romoff** is an account executive at Ogilvy & Mather Advertising



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2002. Fellow alumni **Rachel Rosenman** and **Rebecca Pascal** attended the wedding. **Rachel Boyer** works for the Michigan Jewish AIDS Coalition, a nonprofit organization located in Southfield, MI. She is busy planning her wedding to **Douglas Shuman**, a second-year medical student at Wayne State University in Detroit. **Bethany Chu** is in her second year at Boston University School of Medicine and is planning her 2004 wedding. **Madhavi "Maddy" Tandon** writes, "I quit my job at Capital One at the end of June 2002 and am a first-year at Columbia Law School in New York. Law school is demanding, but a lot of fun and I am enjoying myself immensely."

'01

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I'm actually writing this update from an Internet café in Prague in the early days of January, just on the Castle side of the Charles Bridge. The city is absolutely soaked in history, from Wenceslas Square to the Old Jewish Cemetery. This is part of a short winter vacation in Eastern Europe. I have just come from Vienna and tomorrow I move on to Budapest. To document my feelings and wonder about what I've seen here would be too rambling. I'm sure many of you have equally exciting stories to share, about trips, new jobs or new projects. Perhaps you've embarked on grad school. Tell us about it! We at the *Brandeis Review*, and the rest of your cohorts would love to hear from you. Your Class Correspondent, WenLin Soh. **Shira Beckerman** writes, "In terms of work, I've been in the business office at the Boston Symphony Orchestra (BSO) for the past nine months, which has been quite lovely. I was working for the BSO in the Tanglewood Music Center office for a few months before this, as well as over at the Boston Conservatory box office. Since the summer I've

John Zurick, M.F.A. '74

been working with a couple of local theater companies (the Biscuit Box Theater Company, and also the Walpole Footlighters) as a stage manager and producer. I also did a small show in January at the Acme Theater for their New Works Winter Festival over in Maynard." After fundraising for the American Jewish Committee for one year, **Diana Cohen** is now pursuing her master's degree in public administration and nonprofit management at George Washington University. **Jason M. Myrowitz** was the recipient of a University of Alabama Graduate Council Fellowship for the 2002-03 academic year. He is an M.B.A. student at the university.

'02

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Happy New Year, Class of 2002! Best wishes to all of you, and may this year be even more exciting and rewarding than the last! In the area of exciting news, I received my first "real" job—I am working as a paralegal in the downtown-Boston law firm Morrison, Mahoney & Miller, LLP. They are an insurance defense firm, and I am working for their medical malpractice group. Others who have received jobs in the recent months include **Dave Schreiber**, who works as a PeopleSoft consultant at Surebridge, Inc., in Lexington, MA. His fiancée, **Ivy Grossman**, is working in human resources at Athena Health in Waltham, MA. In true Brandeis fashion, **Nicole Lukehart** recently moved to New York City and has begun her acting pursuits. **Lyn Miller Wancet** was accepted to the University of Illinois College of Veterinary Medicine in Urbana and began her studies in the fall of 2002. I know there are more of you out there doing many exciting things—please be sure to submit your class notes!



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**Jonathan Casciano '96** (M.A. '96, history of American civilization) is a sophomore at University of Arkansas College of Medicine. He married **Shelley R. Blankstein '93** in Little Rock, AR in June 2002. Queen Elizabeth appointed **Ruth Fraenkel Deech '66** (M.A., contemporary Jewish studies) a Dame Commander of the British Empire in June 2002. She is currently principal at St Anne's College, University of Oxford, and spoke at the Alumni Club of England Tea on November 17, 2002. Best-selling author **Ha Jin '89** (M.A., English and American literature; Ph.D. '93, English and American literature) spoke on the Brandeis campus on October 3, 2002, as part of the 50 Years of the Creative Arts Festival. **Scott Lasensky '01** (Ph.D., politics), fellow and assistant director, U.S./Middle East Project, Council on Foreign Relations, discussed "Bush, the War on Terrorism, and Israel" with members of the Alumni Club of New York City at Brandeis House on October 10, 2002. **Brendan McDougall '90** (M.A., physics; Ph.D. '00, physics) presented "Dependence of SiN Film Properties on Deposition Mode and on Precursor Chemistry" at the ALD 2002 conference in Seoul, South Korea. **Mark D. Rosenberg '85** (M.A. '95, comparative history) is the academic director of Prozdor of Hebrew College in Newton, MA. An experienced teacher, Mark also took on additional administrative and curriculum responsibilities, working closely with Prozdor's director. Mark is also an adjunct professor of history at Bentley College, where he teaches the history of the Middle East. Prior to joining Prozdor, Mark spent years working with organizations such as the Jewish Agency, United Synagogue Youth, and at Jewish summer camps. He also worked extensively in Jewish education across Greater Boston while completing his doctoral requirements. Mark is married to **Danielle**

**Klainberg-Rosenberg '86**. They live in Newton Highlands with their two children. **Jonathan D. Sarna '75** (M.A. '75, Near Eastern and Judaic Studies), the Joseph H. and Belle R. Braun Professor of American Jewish History at Brandeis, was appointed historian for the new National Museum of American Jewish History. The \$100-million dollar structure will be located on Independence Mall in Philadelphia and is slated to open in 2006. Jonathan brings more than 25 years of Jewish scholarship to the project. **Alec Stoll '96** (M.F.A., theater arts) works for Fisher Dachs Associates, a theater planning and design firm founded by Jules Fisher. Among other projects, he is working on the new Performing Arts Center of Greater Miami. Alec and his wife, Heather, had a daughter, Lauren, in September 2002. The Prague International Ballet Competition has named **John Zurick '74** (M.F.A., theater arts) to the position of director. John's Cincinnati, Ohio-based consulting company, ZOI, Inc., is the competition's U.S. headquarters. John and his company, specializing in leadership consulting and strategic planning, serve clients that include Ballet Internationale-Indianapolis, Indiana Supreme Court Commission on Race and Gender Fairness, Indianapolis Museum of Art, Health Hospital Corporation, and Vozrozhdenie, Ltd. of St. Petersburg, Russia. He was executive director of Cincinnati Ballet from 1998 to 2001. He also has worked extensively as a producer of film, television and commercial theater. He was marketing director of the Cincinnati Symphony Orchestra from 1983 to 1988. In 1989 he cofounded the award-winning post-production company, Finis, which he sold five years later to launch ZOI.



# Shiff Brothers Join Sachar Legacy Society

*I*n support of the Brandeis University mission, brothers Philip Burrill Shiff of Swampscott, Massachusetts, and Dr. Richard M. Shiff of Duxbury and Plymouth, Massachusetts, have become members of the Sachar Legacy Society by establishing scholarship funds at Brandeis with charitable gift annuities.

Mr. Shiff has endowed the Hazel Lebow Shiff Scholarship Fund in memory of his wife, Hazel Shiff, who was a member of the North Shore Brandeis National Women's Committee. A graduate of Smith College, she was an activist with widespread interests in humanitarian causes.

Dr. Shiff has named the Jacob S. and Fannie D. Shiff Scholarship Fund in memory of his parents, long-time residents of Duxbury, Massachusetts.

The vehicle for establishing these scholarship funds was the charitable gift annuity—a meaningful and positive experience for the family, and of benefit to Brandeis University and its students.

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Dr. Richard M. Shiff



Philip Shiff  
Hazel Shiff on her wedding day, 1950





A Brandeis student  
working with children  
at the University's  
Lemberg Children's Center,  
circa 1991.

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# Dear Reader

The pine pollen this year was nearly biblical. At times, in June, looking up against a dark background of trees, the slant of sunlight just so, one saw a continual blizzard of drifting specks. Clouds billowed off the trees with every gust of wind. Puddles wore ocherous sheens. Hay fever sufferers were nearly incapacitated.

Whether we romanticize or demonize the phenomenon, the pollen fall is serious business for the pines. It is their annual opportunity to reproduce. Yet, because pines rely on the wind to distribute their pollen, as do many other trees, the system is wildly inefficient, absurdly hit-and-miss. Not one grain of the billions that landed on puddles, car hoods, and coffee tables, or irritated throats and sinuses, fulfilled its vital function. Of all that prodigious output, only a relatively tiny amount actually fell upon and fertilized female pine flowers.

On the other hand, there is a plant, common on campus, that takes a less conventional approach to reproduction. It does employ the popular strategy of exploiting insects to carry its pollen, but its method sets it apart. The barberry, a shrub recognized by its needle thorns and fall crop of small, pendent, scarlet, oval berries, displays an abundance of yellow blossoms in the spring. Those nectar-filled

flowers attract small bees, which encounter within the cuplike arrangement of the six petals, a large central pistil (the female part) surrounded by six, widespread stamens (the male parts) each tipped with a tiny load of pollen.

While most insect-pollinated plants rely, for the transfer of their pollen to the insect's body, simply on the random fumbblings of the insect within the flower during its search for nectar, the barberry is far more deliberate. A blade of grass will serve as a facsimile of a bee's tongue if you want to observe a remarkable apparatus at work. Touch one of the stamens at its base, and you will cause it to react as though it were the arm of a tiny machine. If you had been a bee, the pollen-bearing tip of the arm would have swung in and touched you on the face, leaving a dusting of pollen that you cannot help but deposit upon the pistil of the next barberry blossom you visit. This, too, is serious business, but with a wondrous whimsy.

I am reminded of Brandeis University, which has always had its own way of doing things. From the beginning, its founders bucked all odds and successfully established a new university, practically in the backyards of some of the oldest and most venerated institutions of higher learning in the country. Its early students flouted convention, too, by attending such a place.

Today, that attitude of eschewing convention persists, manifesting itself in ways that generate immeasurable pride in those of us connected with the institution. Back in the fall of 2001, for example, we ran an article in this magazine in which we profiled two doctoral students researching unconventional topics. One was Jeffrey Wiltse, Ph.D. '03. Steve Anable's article described how when Wiltse first considered researching the social, cultural, and institutional history of public swimming pools in the United States, most people laughed incredulously, but his dissertation adviser, MacArthur Fellow and Truman Professor of American Civilization, Jacqueline Jones, immediately agreed. The upshot is that the Society of American Historians recently gave Wiltse the prestigious Allan Nevins Prize, an award for the best-written doctoral dissertation on a significant theme in American history.

This issue contains the stories of several alumni, faculty, and students who also embrace the unconventional. They reflect the personality and attitude of a University that does the same: demanding excellence, but expecting idiosyncrasy; maintaining a gravity of purpose, but with a buoyancy of style. It has proven an excellent approach for a university, and, for Brandeis's graduates, an equally appealing model for a life.

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### Academy Awards

#### Three Brandeis Scientists Elected to National Academy of Sciences

David DeRosier, Jeffrey Hall, and Michael Rosbash have been elected members of the National Academy of Sciences (NAS), one of the highest honors accorded scientists and academicians in the United States.

Seventy-two new members and 18 foreign associates from 11 countries were elected to the academy, in recognition of their distinguished and continuing achievements in original research, bringing the total number of active members to 1,922. The most recent elections were announced April 29, 2003.

"Election to The National Academy of Sciences is a great honor for each of

these faculty members and a source of pride for our University," said President Jehuda Reinharz. "I know that I am joined by all members of the Brandeis community in extending warmest congratulations and good wishes to Professors DeRosier, Hall, and Rosbash on this singular honor recognizing their distinguished achievements and contributions to their discipline."

The trio's election brings the number of Brandeis faculty in the NAS to six. Current faculty members in the NAS include: Carolyn Cohen, professor of biology and Rosenstiel Basic Medical Sciences Research Center; Stanley Deser, Enid and Nate Ancell Professor of Physics; and Gregory Petsko, Gyula and Katica Tauber Professor of Biochemistry and Molecular Pharmacodynamics and

director, Rosenstiel Basic Medical Sciences Research Center. Brandeis professor emeriti elected to the Academy include: Gerald D. Fasman, Martin Gibbs, Hugh Huxley, William P. Jencks, and Alfred Redfield.

DeRosier is the Abraham S. and Gertrude Burg Professor of Life Sciences and director of the W. M. Keck Institute for Cellular Visualization, Rosenstiel Basic Medical Sciences Research Center. An expert in microscopy and X-ray crystallography, he is recognized in his field for the development of three-dimensional image reconstruction methods, which have revolutionized electron microscopy of subcellular structures. His research focuses on large-scale structures in cells, particularly bacterial flagella. Other key areas

of his research include actin and myosin, key proteins found in muscle. Honored with the Hollaender Award from the NAS, he has also received numerous awards including the Biophysical Society's Elisabeth Roberts Cole Award, the National Institutes of Health (NIH) MERIT Award, and the NIH Career Development Award. In addition, he was named a fellow of the American Association for the Advancement of Science (AAAS), a Guggenheim Fellow, and a fellow of the National Science Foundation (NSF).

Hall is a professor of biology and a key member of Brandeis's acclaimed research group on circadian rhythms and biological timing. His work has largely focused on courtship and on circadian rhythms in the fruit fly *Drosophila melanogaster*. Hall is a leader in the field

### Master of Coexistence

#### Northern Ireland Native Named Slifka Master's Degree Program Director

Mari Fitzduff has been named professor of coexistence and director of the proposed master's program in the Slifka Program on Intercommunal Coexistence. Fitzduff holds the chair of conflict studies at the University of Ulster in Northern Ireland, where she is also director of

UNU/INCORE, a United Nations University Center for International Conflict Research. Under Fitzduff's leadership, INCORE has become one of the world's leading centers for conflict analysis and research.

Fitzduff is the author of *Community Conflict Skills: A Handbook for Anti-Sectarian Work*, its fourth edition, and *Beyond Violence: Conflict Resolution Processes in Northern Ireland*, her latest.

At Brandeis, Fitzduff will focus on teaching and researching the theoretical and practical approaches that are necessary to ensure more peaceful intercommunal coexistence at local, national, and global levels. She will lead the process to develop a new master's program in coexistence, which will complement the existing undergraduate program (under the leadership of Professor of

Sociology Gordon Fellman) and an outreach and collaboration program (under the leadership of Cynthia Cohen, lecturer and director of coexistence research and international collaborations). These are the three elements of the Slifka Program in Intercommunal Coexistence, launched with the generous support of the Alan B. Slifka Foundation in 2002.

Fitzduff will also be a full professor in the Department of Politics.





David DeRosier



Jeffrey Hall



Michael Rosbash

of neuro- and behavioral genetics. His pioneering research with Rosbash (see below) has made essential contributions to the current molecular view of mammalian circadian rhythms. He is a member of the NSF's Center for Biological Timing, the Society for Neuroscience, and the Genetics Society of America. Previous awards and honors include the prestigious NIH Research Career Development Award, NSF Fellowship, NIH fellowship, and the Genetics Society of America Medal. He also served on

the Advisory Committee for the Society for Research on Biological Rhythms and on the MacArthur Foundation Network's Task Force on Biological Rhythms and Psychopathology. He is the editor in chief of the *Journal Neurogenetics* and coeditor of *Advances in Genetics*.

Rosbash is a professor of biology and Howard Hughes Medical Institute Investigator. He is also a vital member of Brandeis's research program on circadian rhythms and

biological timing. His research interests involve molecular neurobiology, circadian rhythms, genetics, and mRNA processing. Rosbash is a member of the AAAS and serves on the editorial boards of *RNA* and *Cell*. He serves on the Scientific Advisory Board of Hynion, Genetics Review Panel for NCCR (Switzerland), and is director of the RNA Society. He has also been named a Guggenheim Fellow, a Helen Hay Whitney Fellow, and a Fulbright Fellow. In addition, he received the NIH Research Career Development Award, was

honored with the Caltech Distinguished Alumni Award, and was a member of the NIH Study Section for Molecular Biology.

The NAS is a private organization of scientists established in 1863 by a Congressional act of incorporation signed by Abraham Lincoln. NAS acts as an official advisor to the federal government in any matter of science or technology.

—Cristin Carr

## New Name, New Business

### GSIEF to Be Renamed Brandeis International Business School

At the start of the fall 2003 semester, the Graduate School of International Economics and Finance

will become Brandeis International Business School (IBS). The new, more memorable name reflects a host of changes that have made the school broader, stronger, and more prominent since it was established a decade ago. It conveys clearly the School's mission of teaching focused on the global economy. Three core areas

of expertise—international finance, economics, and business—will remain at the center of the curriculum.

In parallel with the name change, many developments are happening at the school—the opening of the Lemberg Academic

Center in the fall, the recent establishment of the Rosenberg Institute of Global Finance, the appointment of new faculty—all of which will shape and further strengthen its intellectual life in the years to come.

## Hall of Fame

### Seven Athletes and One Team Inducted

The annual Athletic Hall of Fame induction ceremony honored seven individuals and the undefeated 1955-56 women's basketball team. Among the inductees at the April 5 ceremony were: Jim Belanger '81, men's soccer; Bob Boutin '87, baseball; Chris Corsac '88, women's soccer, basketball and softball; Dennis Donoghue '77, cross country and track and field; Andre James '92, men's

basketball; Kristin Foellmer-Suchorski '96, women's fencing; and Tom O'Connell, baseball coach from 1972 to 1981.

The 1956 women's basketball team pioneered women's athletics at Brandeis, setting the stage for the successes of more recent athletes such as Corsac and Foellmer. The team went 13-0 and was the school's first undefeated team in any sport. Its season included a victory over

soccer team in the late 1970s. A two-time captain and multiple All-New England selection, Belanger led the Judges to two NCAA tournament appearances and two New England regional titles.

Three-time Greater Boston League All-Star, junior-year MVP, two-time All-New England and All-Northeast region All-Star, and two-time GTE Academic All-America, **Bob Boutin** was a four-year starter at second base for the Brandeis baseball team. He led the Judges to three appearances in the NCAA tournament. After graduating, Boutin returned to Brandeis for seven years as an assistant coach.

**Chris Corsac** was a three-sport standout in the late 1980s, lettering in women's basketball, women's soccer, and softball in her career. She graduated as the second leading rebounder in Brandeis women's basketball history and third on the school's all-time scoring list. Corsac was just as accomplished in softball, where she twice earned All-NEW 8 honors, posting a career .337 batting average.

The University's first four-time All-American, **Dennis Donoghue** was one of the Judges's premier distance runners of the mid-1970s. He was twice honored in cross country, finishing eighth in the nation in his senior season. Brandeis finished third in the nation twice and fourth once during his career. Donoghue also set school records

while winning All-American honors for the outdoor track and field team in the 10,000-meter run, placing third in the nation in 1977.

**Kristin Foellmer-Suchorski** graduated from Brandeis in just three years, but that did not stop her from becoming one of the University's most accomplished fencers. As a freshman, Foellmer finished third in the nation in foil when Brandeis hosted the NCAAs in 1994. The last athlete to qualify for the second round, she rallied to produce the highest finish ever by a Brandeis fencer. In her final two years, Foellmer won two UAA titles and twice finished fifth in the nation in foil.

Two-time men's basketball captain **Andre James** never missed a game in his four years on the team. He finished his career as the school's fifth all-time scorer with 1,524 points and third on the all-time list with 981 rebounds. He was a two-time first-team All-UAA selection and graduated as the Association's career rebounding leader (502). James recorded three straight double-doubles in helping Brandeis to the ECAC Division III New England championship in his senior year as the Judges defeated the top three seeds on the road.

**Tom O'Connell** has been called "the father of Brandeis baseball." He built the program into the success that it is today. Coaching the team from 1972 to 1981, O'Connell posted a 172-73-6 record for a .697 winning percentage. He led the Judges to six consecutive appearances in the NCAA Division III World Series, highlighted by a second-place finish in 1977.



The 1956 Women's Basketball Team: front (bottom) row, Doris Berman Rocklin '58, Ruth Porter Bernstein '57, Marjorie Grodner Housen '56, Abby Frank '57; second row, Jacqueline Went White '59, Judith Brecher Borakove '58, Rena Shapiro Olshansky '56, Esther Kartiganer '59, Suzanne Colby Taylor '57; back row, Lois Stetson Glass '57, Paula Cohen Hamburger '57, Claudia "Sadie" Linsey Scott '56, Sue Kronheim '58, Manager Myrna Jaffe Wasserman '56, and Coach Anna Nichols

UMass-Amherst. Among the members of the team who attended the ceremony were Ruth Porter Bernstein '57, Judith Brecher Borakove '58, Paula Cohen Hamburger '57, Marjorie Grodner Housen '56, Rena Shapiro Olshansky '56, and Coach Anna Nichols.

According to Head Coach Mike Coven, "Jim Belanger was a great leader and a driving force to the [soccer] team's success." Belanger was a midfielder for the outstanding Brandeis men's



## The New Friedman Hall

### Jack N. and Lorraine Friedman Give \$6 Million to Name New Residence Hall on Campus

Jack and Lorraine Lakritz Friedman have given \$6 million to Brandeis to name one of the three residential units being constructed on the west side of campus.

The new gift to The Campaign for Brandeis, which was publicly launched March 25, is in addition to \$1 million the couple gave to establish the Jack and Lorraine Friedman Endowed Scholarship Fund. That fund is used to shape the lives of economically disadvantaged minority students who attend Brandeis.

"This most recent gift from Jack and Lorraine Friedman to Brandeis gives eloquent testimony to the depth of their commitment to the values of Brandeis University," said President Jehuda Reinharz. "The beautiful Lorraine and Jack N. Friedman Hall will be one of the most highly prized residences in the annual student housing lottery for generations to come."

The new building was designed by noted architect Kyu Sung Woo, who has also worked on residence halls for the Massachusetts College of Art and Bennington College, as well as impressive public spaces such as the Korean wing of the Metropolitan Museum of Art in New York City and the Olympic Village in Seoul.

The new Brandeis residence halls are expected to open in fall 2003.

Jack Friedman is the retired chair of the board of Florasynth Inc. of Teterboro, N.J., a specialty chemical company that manufactures essential oils for flavors and perfumes for companies such as Revlon. He succeeded his father-in-law, William Lakritz, as head of the company that is now part of Bayer Corp.

The Friedmans are well known to the Palm Beach philanthropic community where they made a gift to the Jewish Educational Center to establish the Lorraine and Jack N. Friedman Commission



Jack N. and Lorraine Friedman

for Jewish Education. In addition, Mr. Friedman is a trustee of the Norton Museum of Art in West Palm Beach and a board member of the Raymond F. Kravis Center for the Performing Arts and the Palm Beach Opera.

The Friedmans also established a William Lakritz Endowed Fellowship in Chemistry at Brandeis in honor of Lorraine Friedman's late father.

## That Old Question

### Brandeis Researchers Part of \$26 Million Study on Aging; 'Unprecedented in Terms of Scope and Size'

Brandeis researchers are moving one step closer to discovering the secret to growing old gracefully. As part of a new \$26 million dollar study they will help explore the factors that influence how we age.

"This is an unprecedented study in terms of its scope and size," said Margie Lachman, professor of psychology and project leader of the Brandeis team. "Whereas many studies of aging utilize unrepresentative, convenience samples at one point in time, we will

be able to examine what changes and what doesn't over a 10-year period in a large national sample."

Brandeis researchers Lachman and Patricia Tun will take part in a six-year grant from the National Institute on Aging (NIA), which brings together 40 researchers from 16 institutions. Their goal is to understand a fundamental question in aging: what are the different pathways to health and illness? As part of the project, the Brandeis team will assess cognition and examine how it is tied to changes in personality and health in adulthood and old age.

The Brandeis team leads one of the six core projects in the overall program. According to Lachman, "One of our key contributions is the development of a battery to measure cognitive functioning over the telephone."

The national study, called Midlife in the U.S. II (MIDUS II), will follow the behavioral, sociological, psychological, and biological well being of more than 7,000 people between the ages of 35 and 85. The project is one of the largest and most multidisciplinary studies ever funded by NIA, according to Carol Ryff, director of the Institute on Aging at the University of Wisconsin-Madison and the

principal investigator of the study.

The research builds on a 1994-95 study, Midlife in the U.S. (MIDUS I), by the MacArthur Foundation Midlife Research Network, a group in which Lachman was a member. That data combined with the new information from MIDUS II will help the researchers begin to understand the long-term role psychological well being can play in healthy aging.

For more information, see <http://my.brandeis.edu/news/item?news%5fitem%5fid=101279&show%5frelease%5fdate=1>.

—Cristin Carr

## Student Fed

### FBI Internship Means Guns, 'Copters, for Brandeis Junior

Imagine starting your day with your car being searched, helicopters taking off on your left, and guns firing on your right. Not an average person's start, but for Katie Lewis '04, this is what a typical morning entailed during what may very well be one of the most

unusual internships of any Brandeisian to date. Lewis spent the spring semester in Virginia at Quantico Marine Corp Base, as one of eight college students nationwide to have an internship at the FBI Academy. And this opportunity is only a beginning for this Brandeis junior.

Lewis, a philosophy major and legal studies program

participant while at Brandeis, interned in the Investigative Training Unit at Quantico, where she worked for FBI agents who she says "could not have been nicer to us and could not have given us more opportunities." She spent her days surrounded by the FBI, the DEA, and the Marines. Lewis participated in just about anything that a new FBI agent in training would experience. She joined the new agents in their classes, some of which focused on organized crime, violent crime and healthcare fraud. Lewis also participated in the same physical training all new agents undergo. She learned defense tactics, strategies for taking down a subject, and boxing. Lewis also ran the Yellow Brick Road obstacle course, a 6.5-mile challenge, which seems daunting even to the new recruits on the base.

The internship, which required an application almost a year before the start of the position, had

always been a dream for Lewis. She worked as an emergency medical technician (EMT) in high school, and says that her role models growing up were law enforcement and emergency rescue personnel. The contact she had with firefighters, policemen, and EMTs gave her the idea of joining the FBI. "When I was little I said I wanted to go into the FBI, and then I actually looked into it, found information on this internship, and on a whim applied for it."

The application became increasingly important to Lewis when she decided that the program would be a good opportunity to see if her dream could become a reality and future career. Now she can't imagine her life going in any other direction. "I knew this was something that I wanted to do, I knew I would do it at any cost, and now that I've done it I know that I want to be an FBI agent more than anything else in the world."



Katie Lewis, '04, (standing, fourth from left) with her fellow interns after completing the FBI's Tactical Emergency Vehicle Operations Course, which teaches new agents how to drive in tactical situations such as chases, terrorist events, and in pursuit. The car behind the interns is a "skid car," which has special side wheels that can be programmed to make the car spin out and drive on two wheels in order to train the agents how to drive in stressful/special situations.

## Research Recognition

### Chemist Selected as Sloan Research Fellow

Li Deng, assistant professor of chemistry, has been awarded an Alfred P. Sloan Research Fellowship, which recognizes the best young faculty members for cutting-edge research in the fields of chemistry, physics, mathematics, computer science, economics, and neuroscience.

He was among the 117 outstanding young scientists and economists selected as Sloan fellows this year, representing faculty from 50 colleges and universities in the United States and Canada. Twenty-eight former Sloan Fellows have received Nobel Prizes, and hundreds have received other prestigious awards and honors.

The fellowships, totaling \$4.16 million this year,



## Split Prize

### Two Awarded Prestigious NARSAD Grants

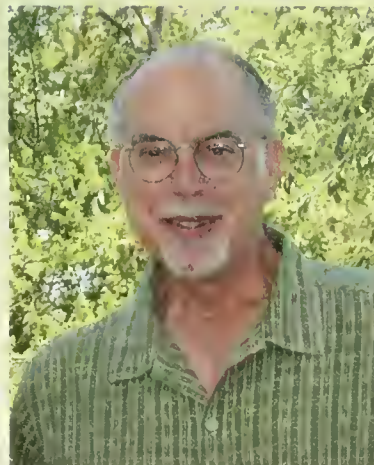
The National Alliance for Research on Schizophrenia and Depression (NARSAD) has awarded a Distinguished Investigator Grant to John Lisman, professor of biology and Volen National Center for Complex Systems, and a Young Investigator Grant to Sridhar Raghavachari, post-doctoral fellow in biology.

Lisman was one of 15 scientists chosen to receive the Distinguished Investigator Award, which supports the most promising psychiatric research in the

United States and around the world. He will receive \$100,000 in support of his research in determining how deficits in the NMDA brain receptor can produce behavioral symptoms of schizophrenia.

Raghavachari will receive \$60,000 over a two-year period to study the role of NMDA receptors in the brain and their relation to schizophrenia. He is among 175 young investigators awarded the grant, which provides early career support for leading neurobiological and psychiatric research.

NARSAD is a leading donor-supported organization funding research in brain disorders worldwide. Each



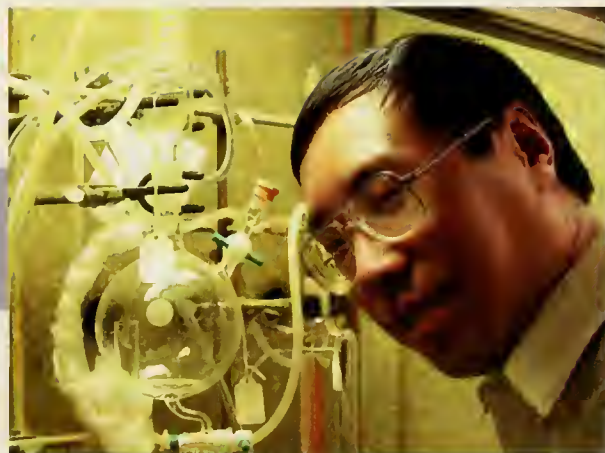
John Lisman

year, NARSAD awards grants based on the recommendations of its 75-member Scientific Review Council.

Lewis adds with a chuckle, "Now all I have to do is get in when I apply." But first, Lewis plans to attend law school or the police academy after graduating from Brandeis in 2004. She wants to gain work experience before applying to the FBI as a special agent, which she says is "100 percent in my career plan. That's the end goal."

Lewis says that the FBI internship completely changed her. The FBI has given her a better perspective on the world and on our country. Of being at Quantico she says, "I've gained faith in our country and in the justice system. The experience renews your faith in being an American." When asked if she thinks the agents are expecting to see her back at Quantico as a new agent in the future she says, "I think they know they can't get rid of me. I'm preparing myself right now to do whatever I have to do to get back."

—Sarah Gurfein '03



Li Deng

allow scientists to continue their research with \$40,000 each over a two-year period. Fellows, once chosen, are free to pursue whatever lines of inquiry are of the most compelling interest to them. According to the foundation, this flexibility often is of great value to young scientists who are at a pivotal stage in establishing an independent research program.

Deng's research involves the development of catalytic asymmetric reactions, which has important implications for accelerating the discovery of new small molecule drugs. These new reactions provide access to a wide variety of versatile chiral building

blocks—a necessity in the pharmaceutical industry.

The Sloan Research Fellowship Program, which was established in 1955, is one of the oldest fellowship programs in the nation. Selection procedures for the

extraordinarily competitive award are designed to identify those who show the most outstanding promise of making fundamental contributions to new knowledge. More than 500 nominations for the 2003 awards were reviewed.

—Cristin Carr

## Highest Honors



Dorothee Kern

### Two Prestigious Awards to Professors Marder and Kern

Brandeis professors Eve Marder and Dorothee Kern have been awarded impressive honors in their fields. Marder '69, the Victor and Gwendolyn Beinfeld Professor of Neuroscience and Volen National Center for Complex Systems, was awarded the Women in Neuroscience (WIN) Mika Salpeter Lifetime Achievement Award. Kern, assistant professor of biochemistry and Volen National Center for Complex Systems, is this year's recipient of the Pfizer Award in Enzyme Chemistry.

Marder was honored for her pioneering research involving the dynamics of small neuronal

networks. She has created innovative techniques to study the effects of neurotransmitters on the output of central pattern generators—groups of neurons in vertebrates and invertebrates responsible for rhythmic behaviors such as walking, swimming, and breathing. Her work has been instrumental in demonstrating that central pattern generators are not hard wired, but that individual networks can be reconfigured by different neurotransmitters or hormones. In another set of studies, her laboratory has pioneered the notion that neurons might use ongoing activity to regulate the balance of ionic conductances they express—a mechanism that may provide a way to stabilize neuronal activity.

In a nomination letter for the award, Marder was cited by her peers at Brandeis as "one of the first experimentalists to grasp the utility of the emerging field of computational neuroscience for understanding the properties of complex networks of neurons. In addition to being a leader in the biology department with regard to graduate and undergraduate curricula, she was the most important driving force that led to the establishment of an undergraduate neuroscience program."

Kern won the award, one of the most prestigious given by the American Chemical Society, for her research with dynamic nuclear magnetic resonance (NMR) spectroscopy, an unconventional way to examine enzyme catalysis, dynamic processes that trigger protein function. Studying these processes is a novel way to track the motions of an enzyme in its working state.

"Her research helps us to create a complete picture of a protein in its natural state while revealing exactly which areas of the protein are moving during catalysis—a missing link in rational drug design," said Gregory Petsko, Gyula and Katica Tauber Professor of Biochemistry and Molecular Pharmacodynamics and director, Rosenstiel Basic Medical Sciences Research Center. "Before researchers used static pictures to gain information about the spatial distribution of the protein but the time element was missing."

More information on Marder and Kern's research can be found at [www.bio.brandeis.edu/faculty01/marder.html](http://www.bio.brandeis.edu/faculty01/marder.html) and at [www.bio.brandeis.edu/faculty01/kern.html](http://www.bio.brandeis.edu/faculty01/kern.html), respectively.



Eve Marder '69



## Proof Posse-tive

### President Reinharz, Lesley Stahl honored by Posse Foundation

Brandeis President Jehuda Reinharz joined CBS's Lesley Stahl at an event held in their honor May 28 by the Posse Foundation in New York City.

Reinharz, Stahl, and the foundation's national program director, Shirley Collado, were designated Posse "stars" for their

commitment to the foundation, which recruits talented high school students from urban areas, trains them to become leaders, and sends them to selected universities to foster cross-cultural communication. Stahl, correspondent and coeditor for *60 Minutes* and anchor of *48 Hours*, was feted for contributing to the field of education through her career in media. It was the first annual Posse "stars" celebration, according to Deborah Bial '87, who started the program in 1989.

Sixteen campuses across the country are Posse partners, providing full four-year scholarships to students from New York, Los Angeles, Chicago, and Boston. Host institutions include Bowdoin, Brandeis, Bryn Mawr, Carleton, Colby, Denison, DePauw, Dickinson, Grinnell, Hamilton, Illinois, Lafayette,

Middlebury, University of Wisconsin, Vanderbilt, and Wheaton.

Since 1998, Brandeis has accepted 10 Posse scholars each year from New York City. The first group was graduated from Brandeis in 2002, the second at the University's 52nd commencement on May 18.

Said Bial of Reinharz, Stahl, and Collado, "To us and to our students they are stars; they are role models."

## Flight Patterns

### New Approach May Offer Fix for Ailing Airline Industry

The war with Iraq and the September 11 tragedy has forced the airline industry to grapple with the most serious financial crisis in its history. But airline industry expert Jody Hoffer Gittell believes a new approach could offer a way out.

"In a time of tremendous crisis for the airline industry, we need a constructive new approach to resolve problems that go much deeper than the current security threats," said Gittell, assistant professor of management at The Heller School for Social Policy and

Management. "If you look at Southwest Airlines, it has been profitable for 30 consecutive years since its founding, overcoming the problems that have sent its competitors into bankruptcy."

Gittell's book, *The Southwest Airlines Way: Using the Power of Relationships to Achieve High Performance* (2003), examines Southwest's unique strategy, in particular its low fares and focus on short flights.

In a market that seems doomed, the ability to work with shared goals, shared knowledge, and mutual respect has enabled Southwest to thrive. Developing a common culture in a highly specialized industry where distinct work groups are divided by pay and training

is rare. Yet Southwest has achieved this by revamping traditional management practices—hiring, training, performance measurement, supervision, job boundaries, and conflict resolution—with an eye toward building high performance relationships throughout the company. In *The Southwest Airlines Way*, Gittell examines each of these management practices, contrasting Southwest's approach to that of American, Continental, and United.

Gittell adds that Southwest prides itself on outstanding relationships with its unions. Even with the highest percentage of unionized employees in the industry, Southwest

has experienced only one strike and a handful of disputes that have required mediation by the National Mediation Board, proving that unionization need not be a barrier to high performance.

"If other players in the industry can learn from Southwest's strategies, they can improve their bottom lines and ward off more bankruptcies, for the benefit of shareholders, employees, and customers alike," said Gittell.

In addition to her faculty post at Brandeis, Gittell is a faculty member of the Massachusetts Institute of Technology Global Airline Industry Program.

—Cristin Carr

## Scoreboard

### Winter-Spring Sports Round Up

The spring 2003 semester in Brandeis athletics was as exciting as any in recent history for many of the Judges's programs. In addition to numerous All-UAA and All-New England honors, six athletes earned nine All-America awards, while two others were honored as national players of the week.



Leading the way was track and field runner Mariko Tansey Holbrook '03, who earned three All-America awards, bringing her career total to nine. Holbrook finished fifth in the nation in the 5,000-meter run indoor and sixth outdoors. Along with teammates Karel Charles '04, Jessica Curlew '03, and Caitlin Malloy '03, the Judges set a Division III record in the distance medley relay during the indoor season, finishing third at the NCAA championships. Malloy also earned her fourth career All-America award at the outdoor championships

when she finished fifth in the country in the 3,000-meter steeplechase. As a team, the Judges placed 16th at the indoor championships and 35th outdoors under head coaches Jean Cann '92 and Mark Reytblat.

The Judges's other two All-Americans also came in the winter season. Tracy Marien '03 represented the women's fencing team at the NCAA championships in Colorado Springs, Colorado. Competing in the sabre, Marien placed 10th in the nation, the highest finish by a Division III woman. Teammate James McBean '03 represented the men, placing 21st in the foil. At the NCAA Division III Swimming and Diving Championships, Maya Marx '04 produced Brandeis's first top-10 finish when she took sixth in the 200-yard breaststroke. Marx had the third-fastest time in qualifying and was just 0.08 out of the top seed.

Other winter highlights included the women's basketball team completing its best season since 1991-92. Coach Carol Simon's squad, paced by the UAA leaders in scoring and field goal percentage, Lisa Pritzlaff '05 and Danielle Fitzpatrick '04, respectively, defeated two nationally ranked conference opponents, taking out number 25, Carnegie Mellon, 85-81, on January 12 and number 14, Rochester, 50-49, on February 16.

In addition to Holbrook and Malloy's outstanding performances in the spring, Brandeis baseball and softball tore up Stein Diamond and Marcus Field. Coach Pete Varney gained his 500th career win on the baseball diamond with

a 6-3 win over Suffolk on April 3. The 21-13-1 Judges claimed a share of their fifth UAA title in Florida as Sean Ewers '03 was named UAA Player of the Year. In addition to the UAA crown, Brandeis earned the top seed in the Eastern College Athletic Conference (ECAC) tournament and won three in a row on its home turf to help solidify Varney's 12th NCAA berth. Outfielder Jon Brown '03 was named the ECAC tourney MVP, garnering Division III Player of the Week honors for his nine-for-13, four-RBI, six-run performance.

Just over the right field fence, coach Mary Sullivan was leading the softball team to its best season since 1999, going 17-9. Sullivan also reached a career milestone, picking up career softball win number 300 and number 600 of her whole coaching career, including volleyball. Four Judges found themselves on the All-UAA team, paced by first-team choice Melissa Leher '04 and second-team member Sara Albert '04. Albert went on to distinguish herself even further after conference play. With 13 home runs and 43 RBI, Albert led NCAA Division III in home run- and RBI-per-game averages. In the final week of the season, Albert reached base 14 times in 16 plate appearances over a five-game span. She went 11-for-13 with three walks, and 14 RBI. Four of her 11 hits were home runs and another two were doubles, giving her a 2.154 slugging percentage that week and earning her Division III National Player of the Week honors.

On the tennis courts, the Judges's number

one player, Jane Chae '05, became the first woman in Brandeis history to qualify for the NCAA individual championships. Chae, who ranked 11th in the nation during the season, a best for a Brandeis woman, took the tournament's seventh seed to three sets before falling in the first round. Despite having most of his spring season washed out because of rain, rookie golfer Jason Levine '06 became Brandeis's first All-UAA golfer since 1993.

At the annual, end-of-season awards banquet, several honors were given to outstanding senior athletes. Mariko Tansey Holbrook won the Max I. Silber Award as the outstanding senior female athlete. Marshall Goldman '03 of the men's swimming and diving team was named the Harry, Joseph, and Ida Stein award winner as outstanding male senior athlete. Fencer and volleyball player Tracy Marien '03 earned the Charles I. Napoli '58 Award as the outstanding student-athlete who excelled in the classroom and in competition, while Sarah Davis '03 of the women's soccer team was the Morris Sepinuck Sportsmanship Award winner for contributing to student life on campus. Tom McShane '03 of the baseball team won the Morrie Stein Award of Valor for his performance on the team despite battling diabetes.

More awards were presented at the annual Charlie's Breakfast for seniors during Commencement week. Men's soccer forward Peter Joyce '03, volleyball setter Theresa Ceriello '03, and track runner Jessica Curlew were presented with the James McCully Awards for best exemplifying the character, dedication, and good sportsmanship depicted by the Brandeis Hall of Famer.



# Brandeis

## Faculty Notes

### **Nancy Armstrong**

artist-in-residence in theater arts, has released her first solo recording, *What Magic Has Victorious Love: Music of Purcell and Handel* (Video Artists International).

### **Thomas Doherty**

associate professor of American Studies (on the Sam Spiegel Fund), has received a Fulbright Senior Specialists grant to New Zealand. The grant is for work in U.S. studies and popular culture in the Department of English at the University of Waikato.

### **Ray Jackendoff**

professor of linguistics and Volen National Center for Complex Systems, delivered the Walker-Ames Lectures at the University of Washington in May. He also served as the Edward Sapir Professor at the summer Institute of the Linguistic Society of America at Michigan State University. Jackendoff is president of the Society. His recording with Valentina Sandu-Dediu, *Romanian Music for Clarinet and Piano*, was released (Albany records).

### **Edward K. Kaplan**

professor of French and comparative literature, published "Imagination and Ethics: Gaston Bachelard and Martin Buber" and a translation of Bachelard's Preface to the French translation of Martin Buber's *I and Thou* in *International Studies in Philosophy*. In February and March 2003, Kaplan spoke on Abraham Heschel at the Conservative Synagogue of Jamaica Estates, and for the Association for Religion in Public Life in New York City.

### **Richard Lansing**

professor of Italian and comparative literature, published an eight-volume set of critical essays on Dante and was appointed associate editor of the journal *Dante: Rivista internazionale di studi su Dante Alighieri*.

### **Denah Lida**

professor emerita of Spanish and comparative literature, delivered the lecture "*Sancho Panza y la reforma social*" at Harvard University in April. Her chapter on Benito Perez Galdos's *Por su voz le conoceras* appeared in *Encuentros en la Diaspora* (Barcelona, 2002), and another, "*Anderson Imbert visto por si mismo*," appeared in *Studies in Honor of Enrique Anderson Imbert* (May 2003).

### **Henry Linschitz**

A special issue of the international journal *Research on Chemical Intermediates* v. 28, #7-9 (2002) was dedicated to Professor Emeritus of Chemistry Henry Linschitz. The special issue contains a biography of Linschitz, a virtual mini-history of physical science in the second half of the 20th century, and a dedication to Linschitz from friends and former students.

### **Marya Lowry**

artist-in-residence in voice, was lead presenter at the Voice and Speech Trainers Conference in New York City in August. She presented her research into the Art of Lamentation. Lowry introduced her unique approach to teaching Shakespeare at the Roy Hart International Voice Centre in Malerargues, France, in July.

### **Janet McIntosh**

assistant professor of anthropology, has won a Horace H. Rackham Distinguished Dissertation Award from the University of Michigan for her dissertation, "The Edge of Islam: Religion, Language, and Essentialism on the Kenya Coast." This is the highest honor given to dissertations produced under the auspices of the University of Michigan, given to eight out of 611 dissertations produced in 2002.

### **Thomas McLaughlin**

adjunct lecturer at The Heller School, had the second edition of his book *Streetsmart Financial Basics for Nonprofit Managers* published last summer. He was also appointed to the policy committee of the Social Enterprise Alliance, a nonprofit social enterprise, and led a team of capacity-building experts on Native American nonprofits in the fall of 2002.

### **Thomas Pochapsky**

professor of chemistry, chaired the National Institutes of Health Special Study Section for 900 MHz NMR spectrometers in March in Bethesda, Maryland.

### **Benjamin Ravid**

Jennie and Mayer Weisman Professor of Jewish History, delivered an invited lecture at the International Conference on "Acculturation and its Discontents: The Jews of Italy from Early Modern Times," held at the University of California at Los Angeles in April 2003. He also chaired sessions at the annual conferences of the Association for Jewish Studies and the Renaissance Society of America.

### **Liz Terry**

artist-in-residence in speech and voice, served on the council for Arts Festival 2003, and recently performed in the Laurie Theater production of *Rock, Paper, Scissors*. She also performed at the Boston Playwrights Marathon.

### **Steven Whitfield, Ph.D. '72**

Max Richter Professor of American Civilization, published "Declarations of Independence: American Jewish Culture in the Twentieth Century," in *Cultures of the Jews: A New History* (David Biale, ed.). Whitfield also published "Why America Has Not Seemed Like Exile" in *The Michigan Quarterly Review*; "Is It True What They Sing about Dixie?" in *Southern Cultures*; and "Fiddling with Sholem Aleichem: *Fiddler on the Roof* as History" in *Key Texts in American Jewish Culture* (Jack Kugelmass, ed.).

# Brandeis Commencement 2003



In a year that saw war and the continuing threat of terror, it came as no surprise that social justice, democracy, and respect for human rights were leading themes at the University's 52nd Commencement on May 18.

Keynote speaker Aharon Barak, the president of Israel's Supreme Court, told the 745 graduating seniors that the temptation to "silence" laws during war and terror is real, but has no room in a true democracy. "Sometimes a democracy must fight with one hand tied behind its back." It must hold to higher standards than those of terrorists. Despite September 11 and events of the past year, he encouraged students

not to lose faith in the essential goodness of human beings, and to fight for social justice.

Barak, who was born in Lithuania and lost most of his family in the Holocaust, said students are setting out "from the warmth of the university to the reality of life" in one of the "most enlightened democracies in the world."

But "democracy cannot be taken for granted," he cautioned.

For members of the Class of 2003, the commitment to social justice has been a galvanizing force during their time at Brandeis. And senior speaker Ana Yoselin Bugallo called on fellow graduates to keep the spirit alive. "My question to you now is, in the coming years, will you accept the status quo or will you, just as you've done at

Brandeis, learn what not to accept? Will you have the compassion, the courage, the bravery, and the character to create your own Brandeis, wherever you are?"

Mary Elizabeth Brooks, M.A. '03, who spoke of the need to "globalize the dream of those who came before us," and to combine compassion with knowledge, struck a similar theme.

"Knowledge does advance social justice," stressed Brooks. "But compassion fuels compassion. It seals it and sustains it."

President Jehuda Reinharz, Ph.D. '72, congratulated the departing students and called on them to "join the older generation to make the world a safer place." He said that "during the war with Iraq, there were

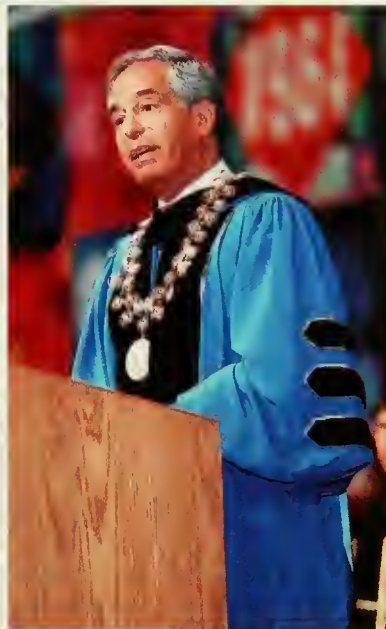
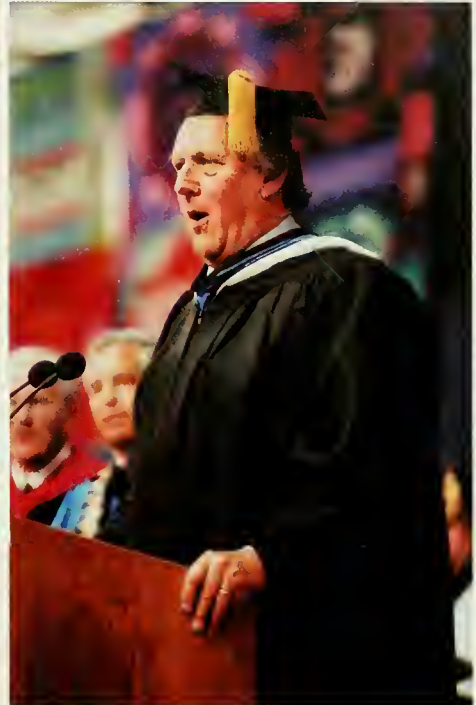
strong feelings on all sides," alluding to the many debates that took place across campus. Diverse speakers—some "controversial"—were invited, and he commended students for showing respect for opposing opinions. Looking to the future, he noted graduates can take pride in the knowledge that the first master's degree in coexistence will soon be offered at their *alma mater*, as part of the Slifka Program in Intercommunal Coexistence.

The University awarded 256 master's degrees and 59 Ph.D.s in the ceremony at Gosman Sports and Convocation Center. Close to 7,000 people attended, including members of Brandeis's second graduating class, the Class of 1953.

Honorary degrees were presented to Barak and six others.

—Donna Desrochers





Undergraduate Speaker  
Ana Yoselin Bugallo '03



Graduate speaker  
Mary Elizabeth Brooks, M.A. '03







Aharon Barak



James O. Freedman



Richard C. Holbrooke

## Honorary Degree Recipients

### Aharon Barak Doctor of Laws

Aharon Barak has been a member of the Supreme Court of the State of Israel since 1978 and its president since 1995. Born in Lithuania, he moved to Jerusalem in 1947, studied law, economics, and international relations at the Hebrew University and received his doctorate in law in 1963. He was appointed dean of the Faculty of Law of the Hebrew University in 1974 and served as attorney general of the State of Israel from 1975 to 1978. A champion of human rights and the rule of law, he has eloquently defended the independence of the judiciary and played a central role in the constitutionalization of Israeli law, which culminated in the enactment of the Basic Laws of March 1992. He is a recipient of the Israel Prize in legal sciences and the "International Justice in the World"

prize, presented by the International Association of Judges in 1999, for his role in safeguarding human rights and freedom in the Israeli judiciary, among other honors and awards. He is also a member of the Israeli Academy of Sciences and a Foreign Honorary Member of the American Academy of Arts and Sciences.

### James O. Freedman Doctor of Humane Letters

James Freedman is an educator, author, and public intellectual. A graduate of Harvard College and Yale Law School, he clerked for Associate Supreme Court Justice Thurgood Marshall and practiced law with the New York firm of Paul, Weiss, Rifkind, Wharton, and Garrison before joining the faculty of the University of Pennsylvania Law School in 1964. Appointed dean of the law school in 1979, he also served as chair of the Pennsylvania Reapportionment Commission and as a member of the City of Philadelphia Board of Ethics. He was president of the University of Iowa from 1982 to 1987 and president of Dartmouth College from 1987 to 1998. Widely honored as

a scholar and an expert in administrative law, he is a fellow and former president of the American Academy of Arts and Sciences. He has held appointments as a visiting professor at leading universities and is the author of numerous books, including *Idealism and Liberal Education* and, most recently, *Liberal Education and the Public Interest*, a work that addresses the potential of universities to reunite America with its highest ideals.

### Richard C. Holbrooke Doctor of Laws

Ambassador Richard C. Holbrooke is the former permanent United States representative to the United Nations, a position in which he played a central role in the development of U.S. policy toward the Balkans, Africa, the Middle East, and humanitarian crisis issues such as AIDS. During his career, he has been a diplomat, managing editor of *Foreign Policy*, Peace Corps director in Morocco,

and an investment banker. He was the U.S. ambassador to Germany from 1993 to 1994 before being appointed assistant secretary of state for European and Canadian affairs by President Clinton in 1994. During that time, he was chief negotiator for the historic 1995 Dayton Peace Accords that ended the war in Bosnia, which he detailed in his book, *To End A War*. He is also coauthor of *Counsel to the President*, the best-selling memoirs of Clark Clifford, and has written numerous articles on foreign policy. From 1996 to 1999, he served as chair of Refugees International and is currently president and CEO of the Global Business Coalition on HIV/AIDS.

### Sara Lawrence-Lightfoot Doctor of Humane Letters

Sara Lawrence-Lightfoot is the Emily Hargroves Fisher Professor of Education at Harvard University. Her research explores schools as social systems; structures and patterns of classroom life; the interplay between school and family; and the nature of respect, for oneself and others. The recipient of a MacArthur Fellowship, she is also the author of several books, including *The Good High School: Portraits of Character and Culture* (1983), for which





Sara Lawrence-Lightfoot



David McCullough



Nancy Pelosi



Alan B. Slifka

she received the Outstanding Book Award from the American Educational Research Association; *Balm in Gilead: Journey of a Healer* (1988), a biography of her mother, which won the Christopher Award; *The Art and Science of Portraiture* (1997, with Jessica Hoffman Davis), which elucidates her innovative approach to social science methodology; and her latest, *The Essential Conversation: What Parents and Teachers Need to Learn About Each Other* (2003). She is chair of the board of the John D. and Catherine T. MacArthur Foundation and the first African-American woman in Harvard history to have an endowed chair named in her honor.

#### **David McCullough** **Doctor of Humane Letters**

David McCullough is a historian, essayist, editor, teacher, and prize-winning author. A graduate of Yale University, he is twice winner of the National Book Award and the prestigious Francis Parkman Prize. For *Truman*, his monumental work on our nation's 33rd president, he received the

Pulitzer Prize. A Fellow of the American Academy of Arts and Sciences and a past president of the Society of American Historians, his books include *The Johnstown Flood*, *The Great Bridge*, *The Path Between the Seas*, and *John Adams*. A familiar presence on public television, he has narrated numerous documentaries including *The Civil War* and *Napoleon*. He is one of the few private citizens invited to speak before a joint session of Congress. A master of the narrative of history, he has lectured widely in this country and abroad. Among his numerous honors are the National Book Foundation Distinguished Contribution to American Letters Award, the National Humanities Medal, the St. Louis Literary Award, the Carl Sandburg Award, and New York Public Library's Lion Award.

#### **Nancy Pelosi** **Doctor of Laws**

As House Democratic Leader, Congresswoman Nancy Pelosi is the highest-ranking woman in the history of the U.S. Congress and the first woman to lead a major political party. For 15 years, she has represented California's Eighth Congressional District, which comprises most of the

City of San Francisco, having been reelected to Congress eight times, the latest by 80 percent of the voters in her district. Before her election as minority leader in November of 2002, she served as House Democratic whip, ranking Democrat on the House Permanent Select Committee on Intelligence, and as a senior member of the House Appropriations Committee. Her leadership goals are to ensure that Americans understand the priorities and objectives of the Democratic Party—economic growth through the creation of jobs, access to quality health care, full funding of education, and national security. She has long supported gay and lesbian rights, abortion rights, welfare for legal immigrants, environmental protection, and strongly opposed permanent, normal trade relations with China because of its human rights record.

#### **Alan B. Slifka** **Doctor of Humane Letters**

Alan Slifka is a highly successful Wall Street investor, a former partner at L.F. Rothschild & Co., and principal of Alan B. Slifka and Company. A generous and creative philanthropist, he is the cofounder and chair of The Abraham Fund, a not-for-profit venture that has invested millions of dollars to support hundreds of grassroots projects in Israel that promote trust, mutual understanding, and dialogue between Arab and Jewish citizens of Israel. He is also a founding member and early supporter of the Big Apple Circus, the leading, single-ring circus in America that is a flourishing performing arts venture and a successful social service institution, which he has described as a metaphor for peace. At Brandeis University, his generosity has created the Slifka Scholarships, which bring Israeli Arabs and Jews to campus, as well as the Slifka Program in Intercommunal Coexistence, which will offer the first master's degree in coexistence. Widely honored for his commitment to coexistence between peoples, he is a recipient of the Medal of Honor of the Israeli Knesset, among other awards.

## Brandeis Raises Record \$72.1 Million in a Tough Economy

Despite the continued volatile economy and turbulent financial markets, Brandeis University ended fiscal 2003 with a significant increase in total giving. Having raised \$72.1 million, up from \$63.4 million last year, the University concluded a ninth straight year of record contributions. This past year's accomplishment countered a negative trend nationally among nonprofit organizations.

Total giving from alumni was up 19.3 percent over last year and totaled \$10.2 million. The Class of 1953 broke an all-time record

of 78 percent of the class participating in the 50th Class Reunion gift effort. The Reunion Class of 1963 raised the most money, with total gifts and pledges of \$1,239,058. In the 2003 Annual Fund participation drive, 33.2 percent of all undergraduate alumni participated, topping the 30.1 percent achieved last year.

Nancy Winship, senior vice president for institutional advancement, attributed much of the University's fundraising progress to President Jehuda Reinharz's tireless efforts and passion for his alma mater. Winship noted that this past year's

success was testament to the fact that our Trustees, alumni, parents, friends, and members of the National Women's Committee clearly understand the importance of Brandeis's mission in the world of higher education. She also noted that alumni have increasingly stepped forward to support their alma mater with gifts and pledges of \$1 million or more.

Jonathan Davis '75, chair of the Trustee Development Committee, noted, "With 100 percent of the Trustees participating in supporting

the University's fundraising efforts, we are able to send a message of strong and focused leadership that attracts others. People like to support successful enterprises." Davis added, "We look forward to continued success as we proceed with our *Campaign for Brandeis: Creating Connections* that was publicly launched in March."

To learn more about *The Campaign for Brandeis* and its priorities, please request a copy of our campaign DVD or compact disc by calling our toll-free line at 800-333-1948.



## Board of Fellows Events

### The Honorable Nancy Pelosi Speaks at the Fellows Breakfast

As the University prepared for the 52nd Commencement activities, Fellows, Trustees, and their guests gathered for the fourth annual Fellows

Commencement Breakfast on May 18. Fellows Cochairs Richard '57 and Rosalind Fuchsberg '59 Kaufman welcomed the group and recognized the honorary degree recipients who were in attendance. President Jehuda Reinharz then introduced the keynote speaker, The Honorable Nancy Pelosi, Democratic leader of the House of

Representatives and 2003 honorary degree recipient. Following the presentation, Fellows and Trustees robed for the ceremonial Commencement procession.

The Honorable Nancy Pelosi



## Board of Fellows

### Newly Elected Fellows

On March 26, the Board of Trustees voted to elect Arnon Adar, P'99, P'03, Gerald Fineberg, Jack N. and Lorraine Friedman, and Iver S. Ravin, P'71, P'73, as members of the Board of Fellows. Each of these new Fellows will serve a three-year term through Commencement 2006.

**Arnon Adar** is the president of CNA Enterprises, a real estate development and management firm in Los Angeles, California. Previously, he was a co-owner of Pargod Industries Ltd., an Israeli clothing and knitwear-manufacturing firm. A strong leader for Brandeis in the Los Angeles area since 1995, Adar has served on the planning committee for events, as

well as an event host. He is the father of Natalie '99 and Adrienne '03 and a member of the Parents Committee.

#### Lorraine and Jack N. Friedman

recently made a \$6 million gift commitment to Brandeis to name one of the three new residential units on campus. The Friedmans also established the Jack and Lorraine Friedman Endowed Scholarship Fund. The fund is used to shape the lives of minority students who are economically disadvantaged. Jack Friedman is the retired chair of the board of Florasynth Inc., a specialty chemical company that manufactures essential oils for scents and perfumes for companies such as Revlon. The couple also

established the William Lakritz Endowed Fellowship in Chemistry at Brandeis in honor of Lorraine's late father. The Friedmans are well known in the Palm Beach philanthropic community.

**Dr. Iver S. Ravin** is a retired physician and the father of Richard '73 and the late Daniel '71. Ravin specialized in internal medicine, and his career included employment in the medical department of the Boston Edison Company. A longtime friend of the University, Ravin is a member of the Sachar Legacy Society, and a strong supporter of the Ravin-Lewis Family Scholarship, which was established by his late father-in-law, Harry Lewis, in 1962. Ravin also serves as an Advisory Board member for the Brandeis Adult Learning Institute (BALI).

Newly elected fellow Gerald Fineberg



**Gerald Fineberg** is the founder of The Fineberg Companies, an umbrella organization for several real estate partnerships and corporations, in Wellesley, Massachusetts. A member of The Rose Art Museum Board of Overseers since 1997, he currently serves as its chair. He and his wife, Sandra, recently made a \$2.5 million gift to renovate and name the upper gallery and support operations of The Rose Art Museum.

### Fellows Dinner and Discussion with Professor Reuven Kimelman

On March 12, Fellows and their guests gathered at Brandeis House for a dinner and discussion with Reuven Kimelman, associate professor of Near Eastern and Judaic Studies.

Hosted by Fellows Cochairs Richard '57 and Rosalind Fuchsberg '59 Kaufman, this gathering gave New York-area Fellows an opportunity to meet with each other socially as well as sample the intellectual atmosphere of the University today. In his presentation, "Just War Theory and Judaism," Kimelman discussed the Jewish ethics of war and their relevance to the military conflicts of America and Israel.

## In Our Prayers

Our prayers for comfort are offered on the passing of the following Fellows and their family members:

### Fellows

Robert Boyer, February 4  
Melvin A. Ross, February 9  
Carl S. Zimble, March 28  
Sylvia Slifka, April 6, mother of Alan Slifka, P'84

### Family

Shirley Fuchsberg, mother of Rosalind Fuchsberg Kaufman '59, mother-in-law of Richard Kaufman '57  
Abraham Fuchsberg, uncle of Rosalind Fuchsberg Kaufman '59  
M. Anthony Fisher, brother of Irma Mann

## Justice Brandeis Society Emerging Leaders

### Boston

The Boston Justice Brandeis Society Emerging Leaders held their inaugural gathering on May 13 at the home of University Trustee Myra Hiatt Kraft '64 and Robert Kraft.

Adam Rifkin '97, cochair of the Emerging Leaders who attended the reception from New York, offered warm greetings to more than 60 alumni from the Classes of 1992-2002 along with some members of the Class

of 2003. Rick Sawyer, dean of student life, discussed the evolution of student life over the last 10 years and provided an update about anticipated changes in the areas of student and residence life. Wendy Morris Berliner '95 invited all recent alumni to join the Justice Brandeis Society Emerging Leaders and to participate fully in University activities.

### New York

Hana and Allan Green, parents of Sheera Green '02, sponsored the spring 2003 JBS Emerging Leaders reception in their New

York City home. President Jehuda Reinharz was the guest speaker. Senior Vice President Nancy Winship was joined by University Trustees Stephen Reiner '61, Sylvia Hassenfeld, and Paul Zlotoff '72, president of the Brandeis University Alumni Association, in greeting alumni guests and providing an update about the *Campaign for Brandeis: Creating Connections*.

Since the inception of the group last fall, the number of alumni who have become JBS Emerging Leaders has doubled. New York Emerging Leaders have raised more than \$50,000 for the University. Adam Rifkin '97, Michael Saivetz '97, and Bram Weber '97 serve as national cochairs of the Emerging Leaders.

For more information about the Justice Brandeis Society Emerging Leaders, contact Robyn W. Hartman '94 at 212-472-1501 x232 or email [emergingleaders@alumni.brandeis.edu](mailto:emergingleaders@alumni.brandeis.edu).

## Stroum Scholars Reception



Althea Stroum, Brandeis Fellow and widow of late Trustee Samuel Stroum, met current Stroum Scholars at a reception during Commencement weekend. Each of the students expressed his or her gratitude to Stroum for her family's extraordinary generosity. Samuel Stroum was a Waltham native;





Wendy Morris Berliner '95, Boston cochair of Emerging Leaders, with Trustee Jonathan Davis '75 and Adam Rifkin '97, National cochair of Emerging Leaders. Berliner is the daughter of Dr. Kenneth '69 and Sandra '70 Morris. Rifkin's father is Matthew Rifkin '71, M.D.



Rifkin with Boston Emerging Leaders reception hostess Myra Hiatt Kraft '64.



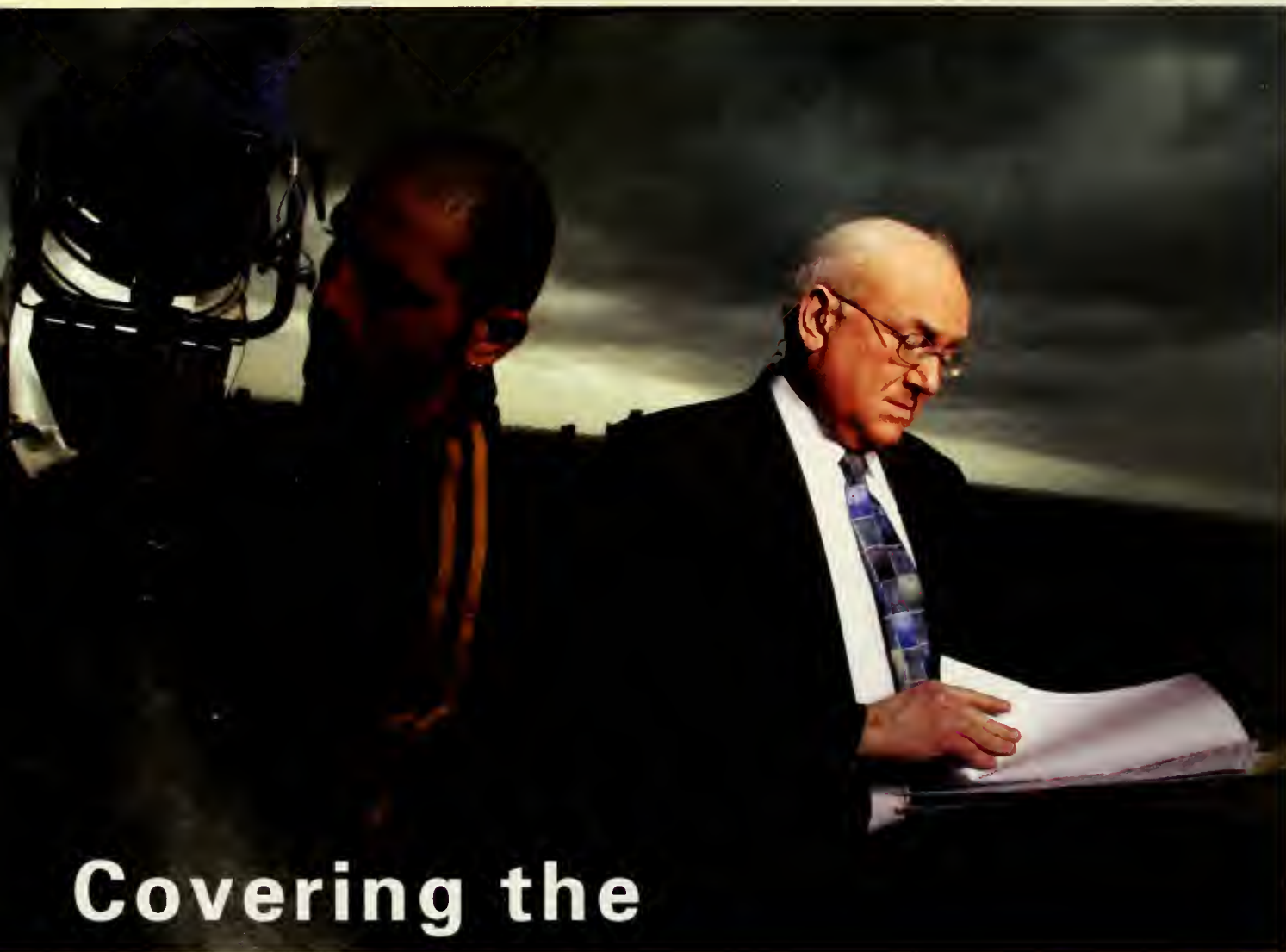
Alan Green P'02, Sheera Green '02, Bram Weber '97, Hana Green P'02, Rifkin, and Michael Saivetz '97 at the Emerging Leaders event in New York, hosted by the Greens.

his family annually grants full-tuition, Brandeis scholarships to four Waltham High School graduates. Stroum, in white, is surrounded (from left to right) by Jean Johnson '07, Elizabeth Dewire '03, Alison Smizer '07, Duojin Wang '05, Patricia Carbone '06, Anna Gokhfeld '07, Peter Sirokman '03, Gene Sirotin '03, Thomas Gage '03,

Deepa Patel '07, Bryan Rautenberg '05, and Daniel Gandhi '06. Stroum Scholars not present were Jillian Caira '04, Melissa Mariano '04, Elizabeth Landry '04, and Hope Wang '06.

*Among those whose faces  
have become familiar to us  
on television broadcasts,  
whose commentary we  
read in newspapers and  
magazines, and whose  
voices we hear reporting  
on events in various  
parts of the Middle East  
are Brandeis alumni in  
impressive numbers.*

Bill Schneider preparing  
for a CNN broadcast from  
Jerusalem



# Covering the Crisis

by Robert S. Greenberger '63





Robert Greenberger in front of the Gates of Jerusalem



Guy Raz reporting from the roof of the al-Ebaa Palace Hotel in Baghdad

For a relatively small school, Brandeis has had a big presence in media coverage of the Middle East. Every time former Secretary of State James Baker traveled to the region during his four-year tenure for his endless series of meetings and negotiations with Arab and Israeli leaders, two Brandeis graduates were onboard his aircraft in the press section. Several others covered the Gulf War in 1991, the Iraq war earlier this year, and the sad story of the assassination of Prime Minister Yitzhak Rabin. And one graduate has

won three Pulitzer Prizes, journalism's coveted achievement award, for coverage in the region.

The connections between Waltham and the volatile Mideast are as varied as they are deep. Brandeis ties played a role in helping at least two correspondents to score scoops in the region. Brandeis taught other grads the skills that made them better journalists. One learned how to question authority; another renewed his links with the Hebrew language; a photojournalist brought his favorite Brandeis T-shirt to war with him in 1973, and feared it would make him a target. Others learned that covering current events must also include

understanding the past. Finally, one of our Brandeis colleagues got his start in journalism as the result of a campus flirtation.

In interviews with 11 graduates who became journalists, other common themes emerged: a reverence for learning, respect for the free flow of ideas, and an understanding of the nature of conflict. Here, in their own words, are some of the stories of these former classmates who have helped tell the story of the turbulent, frustrating, and fascinating Middle East.

### **Guy Raz '96**

*is a reporter in the London bureau of National Public Radio (NPR). When he was in Iraq covering the recent war there, his Brandeis connection, Kanan Makiya, Sylvia K. Hassenfeld Professor in Islamic and Middle Eastern Studies, reached out and helped him.*

"There was a moment during a recent conference of Iraqi exiles when a group of journalists was clamoring for a quote from Kanan Makiya. I was standing behind the hack pack with my arm outstretched, my powerful new shotgun microphone pointed at his mouth. I eventually managed to push my way to the front...that being my job and all. And when I got close enough, I whispered, 'I'm a Brandeis graduate.' That's when the two of us left the mob and moved to a quiet spot.

"Needless to say, I got the tape I needed without the distracting background noise. It was a small moment but a big triumph because we at NPR are often competing with big-budget networks like CNN and the BBC for similar stories. And in order to get a better story, we have to work harder. If I took anything from Brandeis, it was this lesson. We knew our University was as good as the more famous ones in Boston...but we had to work harder to prove it."

*"Just prior to the Gulf War in 1991, the Israeli army reserve officer who handed me my gas mask was a Brandeis alum."*



Linda Scherzer broadcasting  
live from CNN Jerusalem

**Thomas Friedman '75**

*was based in Beirut and Jerusalem for the New York Times, covered the State Department, and now writes a foreign affairs column from Washington. He is the winner of three Pulitzer Prizes.*

"I majored in Mediterranean studies while at Brandeis, so my education there was directly relevant to my career as a reporter in Beirut and Jerusalem. Mediterranean studies was meant to actually be the study of the ancient Middle East, but with the help of Arabic Professor Gordon Newby, we updated the curriculum to make it about the modern Middle East with either classes on, or independent study of, Arabic, Koran, and Middle East history.

"While at Brandeis, I also wrote my first serious articles about the Arab-Israeli conflict. They were published in *the justice*. I don't remember exactly what position I took, but I do recall it made some students mad, and I have been pretty much doing the same ever since—writing about the Middle East and making people mad."

**Allen Alter '71**

*is a senior producer of 48 Hours Investigates at CBS News. Two years following graduation, he went to Israel as a part-time reporter on a six-month assignment for Newsweek. He stayed for five years.*

"I remember taking a conversational Hebrew course at Brandeis to help me refresh the language skills I had through most of my earlier schooling at a Hebrew day school. I guess in some way the environment at Brandeis—and my involvement with writing while there—was linked to how and why I ended up in Israel for so long.

"I'd be hard pressed to remember a specific Brandeis incident that was decisive in this process. Yet to this day, there's some affinity that does draw me back—to things and people related to Brandeis as well as to Israel...so I guess somehow I was charmed by both experiences!"

**Michele Chabin '81**

*is a journalist based in Jerusalem.*

"The fact that I am able to see things from a variety of viewpoints—the IDF (Israeli) soldiers manning the roadblocks, the Palestinians unable to pass the roadblock to get medical attention, the Israelis who live in fear of terror and believe the roadblock makes the country more secure—and not have a nervous breakdown in the process—has a lot to do with the years I spent at Brandeis.

"The liberal arts education I received at Brandeis truly was well rounded and, I think, helped me to become a more well-rounded person. My undergrad years provided me with the tools to view things (whether it be the Six Day War or a romantic 19th-century novel) from modern and historical perspectives.

"Brandeis helped me see the world the way others see it. I don't necessarily agree with the others' point of view, but I can stand in their shoes long enough to do an interview and write an article."



**Robert Greenberger '63**

*covered the diplomatic beat for the Wall Street Journal for 16 years, making more than 30 trips to the Middle East.*

"I learned about the world of foreign policy during my years at Brandeis, but when I left college I ended up in a business career. After nine years, following a classic 'thirties crisis,' I decided to return to that subject. I remembered how engaged my mind was at Brandeis when I studied global affairs and how much I enjoyed writing term papers. My Brandeis friend, Peter Osnos '64, by then an established journalist, was very helpful mentoring me and encouraging me.

"By the mid-1980s, I was covering the diplomatic beat for the *Journal*, fulfilling my pipe dreams by jetting around the world with four different Secretaries of State. As Secretary Baker logged hundreds of thousands of miles across the globe, two Brandeis alums were with him—Tom Friedman '75 of the *Times* and either Walt Mossberg '69 or me. I have reported from every Middle East country, from war zones and peace conferences, and probably from 40 more countries around the world.

"I often think of how Brandeis stretched my mind and left me with memories that wouldn't let me settle for anything less than what I wanted to be."

**Arthur Grace '71**

*is a photojournalist who found himself embroiled in the Middle East conflict in 1973 when the Yom Kippur War broke out and he was a young photographer for UPI.*

"I was awakened early one morning and told to get on the next plane to Paris to meet up with one of our correspondents. Never having been anywhere near a war zone and being slightly hung over, I blindly threw some things in a duffel, grabbed my cameras, and rushed to the airport. As it turned out, by that night I was on the first commercial flight allowed to land in Tel Aviv since the outbreak of hostilities.

"When I stepped off the plane, I was wearing bell-bottom jeans, Topsider sailing moccasins, and a tie-dyed T-shirt left over from my senior year at Brandeis—not exactly battle gear.

"A colleague and I headed north to the Golan Heights in a two-seater, white, Peugeot convertible hoping to find some battle action with me as a perfect target in my wild-colored red, pink, and purple Brandeis fashion statement.

"I was riding around in a two-seater sports car with the top down and was too dumb (naive, inexperienced) to realize that I not only made a great target for a sniper, but could have attracted a Mig 21 from 10,000 feet for a strafing run. The one thing I didn't remember from my Brandeis experience is that if you want to be part of the scene, you gotta have the right wardrobe. I should have brought khaki."



Allen Alter in Jerusalem with  
Former Israeli Prime Minister  
Golda Meir, 1977

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**Walter Mossberg '69**

*covered national security, defense, and energy policy, among other assignments, in the Wall Street Journal's Washington bureau.*

"I learned a couple of things at Brandeis in the sixties that made me want to be a journalist and prepared me especially well for covering the Middle East in the seventies, eighties, and nineties: question authority, and never underestimate the importance of religious and ethnic hatred.

"My first trip to the Arab world came in 1979. I was going to Saudi Arabia to do some reporting on the vulnerability of the Saudi oil fields, and thus the vulnerability of the U.S. economy to an attack in that country. The Saudis at first denied me a visa because I answered the religion question on their visa application truthfully; I said that I was Jewish. But their American advisers in Washington intervened to tell them that a rejection would be a blunder.

"Finally, I reached Ras Tanura, the most important oil terminal in the world. Back then, nearly all of the oil the United States received from the

Persian Gulf was pumped through that one port, and I knew that the CIA and Pentagon were deeply worried that an attack on the port would be a calamity for the United States. I strolled onto a pier there with a camera, which was forbidden, right past a sleeping guard. I walked up to a small Iraqi tanker docked there and touched its hull, as if I were planting an explosive. Nobody stopped me.

"My resulting front-page story, which reported that Ras Tanura was highly vulnerable to attack, infuriated the Saudis. So did another page one story I wrote, recounting how the religious police were on a rampage. I was not invited back."

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**Paul Solman '66**

*has been a business, economics, and occasional art correspondent for The News Hour with Jim Lehrer since 1985.*

"After an art history class one day near the end of freshman year, I was accosted by an attractive upperclasswoman whose every request I would have been only too eager to honor. All she wanted, it turned out, was an art critic for *the Justice*. But Ruthie Cohen launched my career in journalism.

"No journalism courses at Brandeis back then. And *the Justice* had little, if any, cachet. But it gave anyone who worked for it then (as I imagine it does still) the chance to write, experiment, get reader feedback. I reviewed art shows, films, went on to edit the paper. We put out a special edition on Vietnam in 1965, a debate among professors pro and con. Our April Fool's issue of *The National Perspicer* featured a full-length formal photo of the school's famously gruff registrar with the 144-point headline: 'Wife Cringes in Horror as Charles Duhig Confesses: I am a Woman.'

"In short, Brandeis was my education in journalism. In 1970 I began working in Boston's alternative press, writing and editing for what is now *The Boston Phoenix*. I was hired by the editor, Arnie Reisman '64. He had edited *the Justice* two years before I did."

*"Most conflicts in the world are between people who want to kill each other. There is no failure of understanding. They understand each other perfectly well."*

*—I. Milton Sacks, former professor of politics at Brandeis*



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**Linda Scherzer '82**,  
a media and public relations  
consultant, was CNN's correspondent  
in Jerusalem from 1988 to 1993 and  
ended up with a world-class scoop in  
the Gulf War.

"Just prior to the Gulf War in 1991, the Israeli army reserve officer who handed me my gas mask was a Brandeis alum (though regrettably, I don't remember his name). I do remember, however, that in the midst of the tension that gripped the country, as we prepared for the possibility of a chemical gas attack, this kind officer helped calm my jitters and showed me how to put on the mask.

"At 2:00 am the first night that Israel came under a Scud missile attack, I raced to CNN's office, not sure if there were chemicals in the air, listening to the airforce jets circling Jerusalem and the air-raid sirens screaming across Israel.

"When I arrived in my office, I immediately put on my gas mask (unaware that millions around the world were watching me) and starting fielding frantic calls from Tel Aviv and monitoring the radio and television...

"The interview with then Deputy Foreign Minister Benjamin Netanyahu

was through a gas mask. When the air raid sirens sounded, Bibi was in the middle of a live interview with Atlanta in CNN's Jerusalem bureau. We immediately donned our gas masks and I continued asking questions. It was difficult to breathe, much less speak, and I felt like a player in some grade B movie—totally silly and surrealistic. But when I looked back on the interview (and saw the picture published in newspapers around the world) I realized that it was one of the defining images of the Gulf War."

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**Peter Osnos '64**  
spent 20 years at the Washington Post  
as a foreign correspondent in Indochina,  
Moscow, and London and was the  
paper's foreign editor.

"I was never posted in the Middle East, but as the *Post's* Moscow correspondent and then foreign editor, I had ample

opportunity to deal with the issues of importance to Jews, including emigration and the Middle East peace process. As foreign editor, I can tell you that we had more visitors from Israel and more reaction from Jewish readers about our coverage than we did on every other issue combined. My strongest impression is that Middle East turbulence is perhaps the world's longest running saga, dating back thousands of years.

"But the underlying tensions do not change and that is a claim I can make based on personal experience and my foundation history courses at Brandeis."

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**Bill Schneider '66**  
is CNN's senior political analyst.

"I have always carried with me a tough observation made by the late I. Milton Sacks, a professor of politics when I was at Brandeis. He said, 'Most conflicts in the world are between people who want to kill each other. There is no failure of understanding. They understand each other perfectly well. That's why they want to kill each other. The best way to manage such conflicts is to make sure they don't have the opportunity to do that.'" ■

Michele Chabin in  
Jerusalem





A professor of anthropology, scholar of Zapotec hieroglyphics, and expert in the analysis and identification of ancient human bones has created an innovative service to aid other universities while affording Brandeis students valuable hands-on experience.

## Looking into

## Lost Worlds

by Steve Anable



Hunched over long, wooden tables in the laboratory in Brown Hall at Brandeis, Anthropology Professor Javier Urcid's students are examining small, jagged pieces of something that could be dark pottery. A closer inspection proves these pieces to be bone fragments—hundreds of years old, excavated over the decades from ancient Native American settlements. Urcid's Human Osteology class is seeking information to help officials at Michigan's Wayne State University determine the bones' history and, eventually, return them to these long-deceased people's contemporary descendants.

Urcid, who has a ready smile and long, curly, gray hair, grew up in Mexico. He is an expert in the archaeology of Mesoamerica, a historical cultural region that includes parts of present-day Mexico, Guatemala, Belize, Honduras, and El Salvador. He came to teach at Brandeis in 1999, after spending seven years at the National Museum of Natural History (part of the Smithsonian Institution) in Washington, D.C.

Urcid is fascinated by the intersection of archaeology and physical anthropology. "One of the most frequent kinds of evidence we encounter while doing any archaeology is inevitably the remains of human beings," he says. Much of his work for the Smithsonian concerned the repatriation of human remains as

mandated by the Native American Graves and Repatriation Protection Act (NAGPRA). Passed by Congress in 1990, NAGPRA calls for museums and other institutions to take inventories of human remains in their collections, then notify Native Americans now living in the areas where the remains were excavated to determine if they can be linked to present-day people. "Then it's up to native peoples to decide what they want to do with the bones," Urcid says. "In many instances, they are given proper ritual burial."

Having the creativity to recognize NAGPRA as an opportunity for Brandeis and his class of Human Osteology students, Urcid has established collaborations with other institutions that need to comply with NAGPRA but lack the staff and expertise to identify remains. By lending remains to Brandeis, these institutions obtain the information they need to fulfill their NAGPRA obligations while Urcid's students benefit from a hands-on approach to archaeology.

"Right now, we have sets of remains from a site called Tyra near Lake Huron in central eastern Michigan, perhaps dating to the Middle or Late Woodland period, between 600 and 900

**"One of the most frequent kinds of evidence we encounter while doing any archaeology is inevitably the remains of human beings."**







Professor Javier Urcid, second from right, with students Makiko Mizutani, Shihori Asako '06, Courtney Kelly '04, and Michel Lamblin '04

**“This is a lot like training students to be forensic investigators, like on the television program *CSI*, but instead of analyzing a body from a crime scene, we are working with much older remains.”**

CE,” Urcid says. “The bones are from a series of cremations. The challenge for students is that they must sharpen their knowledge of skeletal anatomy as well as work with fragmented and mixed sets of remains. As we’ve analyzed these cremations, we’ve realized that there is more than one individual mixed in these piles of small fragments.”

To encourage teamwork, Urcid divides the class into groups whose first task is to take an anatomical inventory, to determine how many long bones, ribs, skulls, and so forth are present in the burial they are examining. To do this, they must solve a poignant and demanding three-dimensional puzzle, identifying which bone a fragment comes from, and where on that bone it belongs. Then the students determine the minimum number of individuals in the burial, the age at death of each individual, their sex, and any evidence of pathological conditions and cultural modifications to the bones.

This is not as simple as picking out each person’s teeth to estimate their age using, say, the size, shape, and wear of their molars. Like other bones in these cremations, teeth can be damaged, cracked, and split by fire. “One of the

major criteria we use in the identifying process is the way bones develop,” Urcid says. “People do not attain full skeletal maturity until about age 25. Before that, many bones are made up of different parts. This can help give us an idea that we are dealing with an individual of a certain age. This is a lot like training students to be forensic investigators, like on the television program *CSI*, but instead of analyzing a body from a crime scene, we are working with much older remains.”

Urcid and his students remain aware of their work’s sensitive nature. Valeric Smedile '04 from Spencer, Massachusetts, who is majoring in anthropology and took Urcid’s Human Osteology course, at first found examining human remains “a little tough.” “These aren’t just bones,” she says. “They belonged to living, breathing people. During one of our final projects, my group



realized that we had the remains of quite a few immature individuals: one about 3 years old, two about 7, and one about 15. That was probably the most emotional part of the experience, seeing such small and fragile bones and knowing they came from people who were so young when they died."

Brandeis students have flocked to Urcid's classes because, he believes, they are "fascinated by ancient history." Urcid teaches archaeology within the wider context of anthropology, so "we are less interested in historical particulars than in coming up with a sense of regularities, things that will allow us to understand why humans are what we are. We ask questions like: What problems do human societies face when they become urban? Why do human societies become unequal? What compels individuals to follow leaders? How do leaders naturalize sacred propositions to legitimate their status?"

Urcid's other passion is Zapotec hieroglyphics. His book on the subject, *Zapotec Hieroglyphic Writing* (just published by Dumbarton Oaks), has received excellent reviews in the United States and in Europe. The Zapotecs still live in what is now southwestern Mexico, near Oaxaca, but their ancient culture flourished between 500 BCE and 900 CE. "It is from this region that we have some of the earliest archaeological evidence of writing and of the development of urbanism," Urcid says.

Urcid has spent considerable time investigating the largest historical Zapotec city, a place the Spanish later called Monte Alban (literally, "White Mountain"). At its zenith, Monte Alban sprawled across a series of hills and had a population of 30,000. Here, Urcid has excavated Zapotec tombs, not on an Indiana Jones-style quest for jade breastplates or golden bells, but to study "an array of human remains and the placement of objects buried with them." These can be windows into an individual's rank in society, and into a culture's "conception of the cosmos and the afterlife." Says Urcid, "Usually people were buried with accoutrements that seemed to have been used in their lives, like serving vessels. The intent was to replicate for the afterlife what the individual used right here." Surrounding the skeletons in Zapotec tombs, Urcid has also found ceramic earrings and nose plugs, as well as effigies "that portray people impersonating sacred forces like wind and lightning" and shaped like jaguars or ears of corn.

Equal amounts of excitement and frustration compelled Urcid to study Zapotec writing—he felt deprived at being unable to read the inscriptions he encountered carved in stone and painted on murals. "I wanted to try to make sense of them," he says, and he has, to a good degree. He has "some interesting leads" about Zapotec hieroglyphics but cannot claim he has completed its phonetic deciphering. He believes many of the inscriptions found in funerary contexts are genealogies, while others reference time as recorded by Zapotec computations. "Elucidating the structure of the Zapotec calendar is the thrust of my book," he says. "This was a problem that had not been solved prior to the work that I did. To do this, I used data and inscriptions from tombs, and some of the Zapotec language recorded by the Spanish in the 16th century."

To interpret the meaning of some hieroglyphics, it is necessary to consider the script and its accompanying artwork simultaneously. "Much of the writing appears in conjunction with depictions of individuals doing things," Urcid says. "That means this form of visual communications has two major aspects. One aspect is phonetic, concerning what the glyphs actually stand for—words and perhaps syllabic spellings. The other aspect is semantic. If a mural depicts an individual holding another by the hair, holding someone who is yielding a spear, we might argue that is meant to convey one person capturing another. One thing is certain: Zapotec writing is not an alphabetic script."

Valerie Smedile calls Urcid "wonderful, exemplary, someone who always puts his students first, even coming in weekends to give us extra help." Urcid, in turn, has nothing but praise for the students he has taught. In the future, he hopes to establish links with institutions in the New England area to help them inventory their collections before the repatriation of Native American remains in their possession. Some day, he would like to create a program that would allow Brandeis students to do field work with him in Mexico, at Monte Alban, or other sites. "That would be wonderful; that is my dream," he says. ■

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# A Dynamic Duo

Two new graduates join  
the pantheon of Brandeis alumni  
whose lives are dedicated  
to the healing of the world.

by Audrey Griffin



It is the classic chicken-and-egg conundrum: does Brandeis attract, in disproportionate numbers, those already infused with a sense of social responsibility, or does the seed of volunteerism find exceptionally fertile ground in Brandeis students once they are here? The answer, most likely, is "both." In just over a half century, Brandeis has gained renown as a launching pad for social activism. Two members of the Class of 2003, both of whose lives have been irrevocably changed by their Brandeis experience, stand out as shining examples.

## Kendra Bauer

As a high school senior, Kendra Bauer thought Brandeis was music to her ears. The top student and cello player from Greenville, South Carolina, she had her choice of colleges. An instructor suggested that she should select Brandeis or Smith because of their chamber music programs. When she heard the Lydian String Quartet was in residence at Brandeis, her decision was made.

Until then, Kendra had never "lived by a city or near a city." That fact was about to change drastically.

In place of her junior year at Brandeis as an American studies major, Kendra began her 10-month odyssey in City Year, the national organization for 17 to 24 year olds that seeks to demonstrate, improve, and promote the concept of national service as a means for building a stronger democracy. "The concept is that you have a freshman year, sophomore year, junior year, senior year, and *city year*," she states with rapid-fire enthusiasm. "It is a year when you take what you learn in an institution and apply it to the community that you are in."

Instead of participating in a program near home, Kendra decided to stay in Boston to discover the "community that Brandeis is in." She moved to Jamaica Plain: "very artsy, a great place, with huge diversity."

In her first days in City Year, Kendra was one of 10 core members chosen for the domestic violence curriculum team. "I knew it would be difficult," Kendra explains, "but we would get to teach *and* work in a shelter. Usually core members didn't have the chance to do both."

The training was intense. "We were trained by everyone from emergency rooms and courts to advocacy programs at Northeastern, Batterer's



Kendra Bauer

Intervention, Herstory, the Department of Youth Services [DYS], Amnesty International, and police officers/domestic violence units. It was amazing."

One month later, she began working in a local shelter for the Asian Task Force for Domestic Violence. Her discoveries were eye opening: "There is one statistic by the Federal Justice Bureau that in 1997, Asians made up 2.78% of the American population, and they made up 18% of all homicides due to domestic violence. It is not because Asians are more abusive; it is because women are more likely to stay in the relationship until mortality...with that fact, and all the extra training I received at the shelter, I decided 'I'm definitely writing a senior thesis about that.'"

Kendra was also placed on a teaching team with Tasha, a 24-year-old African-American woman from Boston. Tasha and Kendra came from extremely different backgrounds.

"Tasha had been with DYS for most of her life, lived in an abusive household, had a mother who died when she was 10 years old, was homeless for four years, and just went through a tremendous amount," says Kendra talking fast. "And then you have white girl from South Carolina with two years of Brandeis education and we're supposed to go into inner-city high schools, middle schools, and Department of Youth Services lock down facilities and teach a curriculum about violence and oppression." She takes a deep breath and laughs.

Building a relationship with Tasha was difficult. "She didn't trust me," Kendra says. "She wanted me to give up on her all

year...she would have screaming fights with me, and ask me, 'Why do you care? Just stop.' But Kendra persisted. "I thought there was no way we would see eye to eye. She was very intimidating...It was difficult...I cried a lot," she says.

Kendra and Tasha did manage to create a solid bond, which was most apparent when the pair taught, along with their domestic violence curriculum team, at 52 schools in the Boston area. "I was clearly not from the projects," Kendra says, "and the kids wouldn't listen to me. But then Tasha would step up, put her arm around me, and say, 'This is my girl. You need to listen to her.'"

Kendra maintained a grueling 10- to 12-hour-a-day schedule, with constant activity and no free time. But teaching tough subject matter to sixth graders occupied only three mornings a week. In the afternoon on those same days she worked with children at the shelter. Kendra assisted an art therapist, and also helped with play therapy.

City Year also required a physical service component. Tuesday was Kendra's day to work around Boston. "I've cleaned up Boston Harbor Island and painted a lot of Warren Street Housing Projects fences," she says.

Kendra ended each week with Leadership Development Day. The sessions were heated conversations about many topics, including race, religion, and AIDS. "I watched over the year as people's thoughts developed around these topics." She says, "Understanding developed, and so did tolerance."

When Kendra returned to Brandeis in August 2002, she had completely changed. Though she at first found the transition difficult, she managed to take what she learned at City Year to further enhance her Brandeis education. She credits her Brandeis advisors with helping her through the transition. She also became a resident advisor to 41 first-year women. "I wanted to be on a freshman hall because I felt as though I had so much to offer these 18-year-old kids away from home for the first time," she explains.

Kendra, who had to take 11 courses in her senior year to ensure she graduated with her class, also embraced academics "in a completely different way."

"I have perspective now, infinite perspective. I am a different student...It is not because I got smarter or I was any less smart before, it is because of my new perspective on conversations and time management. I read and write full time. That's my job. That's great!"

Kendra's advisors see a change too. John Hose, executive assistant to the president, comments that she "is bright, engaged in her education and in life, unfailingly positive, constructive, and possessed of a very sincere seriousness of purpose...She returned [from City Year]...with a new maturity and poise and a firm conviction regarding her career direction. She has made wonderful use of the educational and other resources available to her at Brandeis, and it has been a pleasure to watch her grow and discover her vocation."

Although her focus is no longer music, Kendra did manage one more feat before she left Brandeis: she helped charter the Cello Society. Kendra's goals after Brandeis are to teach for a few years and then go back to school to earn a dual M.S.W. and J.D. "I absolutely intend to go into poverty law," she says, "I can't see myself being happy anywhere else."

## Corey Kritzman

For Corey Kritzman, things started on a whim.

"I was never involved in community service before Brandeis," the animated sociology major recalls, "but I went to the Waltham Group Recruitment night." That evening, many of the group's programs interested her, but one in particular, the Big Siblings program, made her pause.

"What initially appealed to me about Big Sibs was that when I was little I had two big sisters through Jewish Big Brother/Big Sister Association," she says. "They were just terrific. I thought that I should do this and give back to somebody what I received...The surprising thing is that I didn't realize how much I would get out of it."

Corey was matched with Kristen, an 11 year old from Newton, Massachusetts. "At first it was awkward," Corey remembers. "During the first month we were both shy. Then, Kristen would get into my car and never stop talking."

"She has definitely become a part of my family. I have a little sister," Corey says. Kristen, now 14, feels the same: "I can't imagine life without her. Corey is the best sister in the world."



With that positive experience as her foundation, Corey decided to engage in more Waltham Group activities. The next assignment was the October Blood Drive. The energetic then-freshman volunteered for an hour, but stayed all day. She loved it so much that she became a coordinator of the drive, which takes place twice a year.

Though classes and the two programs demanded the majority of her time, Corey was not satisfied. With energy to spare, she decided to accept the offer extended to her by the Big Sibs program and become its coordinator, a job that includes recruiting and matching volunteers and siblings, creating group events, and managing 40 matches weekly. "The work is never done," she says.

But the petite dynamo was ready for more. In September of her junior year, she began a 10-hour-a-week job at Tufts Health Plan in Waltham as the volunteer intern in the insurer's public and community affairs department. "I absolutely love it. The position is such a great fit," she says. Corey helps to coordinate the Employee Volunteer Program, which sends

Tufts employees on various community service projects in the Waltham area. Another bonus to the position: "the community contacts are the same for Tufts and Brandeis," Corey smiles.

Then, midway through her Brandeis career, balancing classes, a little sibling, coordinating two substantial programs, and a part-time job, Corey took on more. In October 2001, she volunteered for a Companion to Elders Program Halloween party. "I fell in love with everyone," she recalls, and then asked to be matched. Corey was teamed with Chuck, a 73-year-old veteran who lives near campus. "He is such a terrific man," she says, "He is active and healthy, always wants to help out. He has a keen mind...I see a lot of similarities between him and my grandfather."

She then took on even more; Corey began to volunteer for Brandeis's Language and Cultural Enrichment program (LACE), which brings local English as a Second Language students to campus for two hours on Thursdays. "Half the time is spent in a group activity, the other half is one on one time, so we can create an environment where they are comfortable speaking English," she explains.

Lien, her 10-year-old LACE partner, is a native of Vietnam.

In her senior year, Corey again increased her responsibilities. She became a teaching assistant in David Cunningham's Youth Subculture and Community Structure course. "Corey has an infectious enthusiasm for whatever she does," says Cunningham. "Corey connected wonderfully with the students, pushing them to think in new ways about how course topics impact their lives. What I respect most about Corey is her ability to maintain perspective, which allows her to achieve great things without sacrificing her sense of humor and connection to those around her."

As Corey reflects on her four years at Brandeis and on her experiences inside and outside the classroom, she is energized. "Brandeis has been the best thing for me," she says. "I picked up one thing and one thing lead to another... and I love everything. I think I am the luckiest person in the world, just because of the things I get to do, just because of the people I know... There are a lot of good people at Brandeis.



Corey Kritzman

"People ask me, 'When are you going to do something for yourself?'... but I consider all these things for myself. It's all for me...I tell people all the time, when you volunteer...you are getting something better than you are giving."

After graduation, Corey plans to take a break from academics for a year, then return to school, perhaps The Heller School for Social Policy and Management. "Ideally, I want to always work in the nonprofit sector, and always volunteer." She adds, "The thing I want to do the most is live in a small community where I can make a difference." ■

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# Rising to the Occasion

Yet another **adventurous** Brandeis alumnus  
sees a need and fills it by embracing the  
**unconventional** and establishing  
an **innovative** outdoor service.





As a bank of clouds collided with the upper rim of Kibo Crater just below the summit of Mount Kilimanjaro, six trekkers made slow and deliberate progress up a rocky slope toward their night's refuge at 18,500 feet. For seven days the team of two guides and four climbers, accompanied by a small army of native porters, had marched through forest and heath and now up a steep trail of loose rock and patches of ice. The expansive views lent comfort to one inescapable anxiety—with every step up, the air grew thinner, and the trek riskier and more difficult.

"The 50% oxygen is no longer just on paper," remarked Mordechai Kehat, a graduate of the Class of 1979 and one of the guides leading the inaugural Koshertreks climb to Uhuru Peak, the highest point on the African continent. Kehat's words were a sobering reminder that it was too late to turn back. For months, participants on this trek had studied the effects of altitude sickness and wondered how their bodies would fare almost four vertical miles above sea level. They had marveled at the chance to merge their traditional Jewish lifestyles with a wilderness adventure. While a kosher diet and restful Shabbat were guaranteed, other aspects of the trip were uncertain, including whether or not any of the group would even set foot on the summit.

If something did go wrong, Kehat was the designated companion, the first of the guides who would abandon the trek to accompany an injured or sick trekker down to lower altitude. It was a fitting role. In just under a week, he had endeared himself to his companions, his

confident manner and steady attitude instilling trust and respect in the amateur trekkers who had placed their lives in his hands.

Although the climb up Kilimanjaro was only Kehat's second journey to a high-mountain region, he is no stranger to extreme altitude. Following his graduation from Brandeis, he served 22 years in the Israeli Air Force, rising to the rank of lieutenant colonel while overseeing development of a range of software applications that operate some of the world's most sophisticated weaponry. As part of his assignment, he flew test flights aboard Phantom F-4 and F-16 fighter jets, buckled into the cockpit and soaring through the skies at 50,000 feet.

"Brandeis gave me valuable skills, insight, a broader view of the world," Kehat said. "Developing weapon systems is not something they teach you in a computer science department in Israel, either. My liberal arts education enabled me to tackle this new field with new kinds of problems much more creatively than my colleagues."

While at Brandeis, Kehat was known as Mordy Hurwich. He changed his name to Kehat to comply with a government requirement that all representatives of the state have Hebrew names. He now lives in Jerusalem with his wife, Abby, and their four children. Having grown up in Israel—his parents made *aliyah* from New York City in 1968 when Kehat was 10 years old—he was obligated to do at least three years of military service. While Kehat was a senior in high school, his father decided to take a sabbatical in Boston. Kehat applied to Brandeis and was accepted early decision. He completed his degree with a double major in computer science and history.

Most Israelis, however, complete their army service before entering a university. Kehat opted to go to school first and then return to Israel for his required service plus an additional two years in his field of study, a small



Above: Mordy Kehat explains how to calculate one's altitude using a distant mountain and some tools at hand, his trekking poles.

Opposite Page: At the conclusion of morning prayers, trek leader Yedidya Fraiman savors the view from 13,500 feet.

payback for receiving permission to attend college first. Five years became seven and then 10, until there was no turning back. He spent his final years commanding more than 70 people in the software unit in which he had begun his service, before retiring at age 44.

"I was very happy doing what I was doing, and I always felt it was significant," said Kehat, now 46. "My work was not bettering the bottom line of some corporation, but bettering the bottom line of the balance of powers in the Middle East."

When he stepped down from his Air Force role, he stepped up into a new career that will keep him at work at the Earth's higher altitudes. He joined forces with Yedidya Fraiman, a musician and outdoor enthusiast, and together they launched Koshertreks in 2002. In addition to trips to the Everest region in Nepal and Mt. Kilimanjaro, there are plans to offer trips to the Dolomite range in Italy, the











Overleaf: Ascending the outer wall of the Kibo Crater, trekkers move cautiously over loose rock, ice, and snow.

Above: A young Chagga girl from the village of Moshi-Machame on the lower slopes of Mt. Kilimanjaro

Below: Bundled up against the cold and wind, Koshertreks guides Yedidya Fraiman and Mordy Kehat pose for the obligatory summit photo

Opposite Page: The group walks along the crest of the summit moments after sunrise, above one of Kilimanjaro's glacier walls

South African coast, and the Scottish Highlands. The treks, which will be of varying length and difficulty, represent a new era of adventure travel, one in which the obstacles confronting observant Jewish travelers have been brushed aside, opening up a wide, clear path to the remotest corners of the world.

"I view myself as the prototypical customer of Koshertreks," Kehat said, relaxing over a cup of steaming tea in the group's mess tent high on the mountain. "If you had come to me a year ago, I wouldn't have dreamed that today I would have been in Nepal or atop Kilimanjaro. It would never have entered my imagination to trek.

"I think there are a lot of people out there like that. I've read *Into Thin Air*, and it's not as if I haven't heard of Kili before. To some it doesn't enter into their imagination to do something like this, and there are others who are aware that non-Jews or non-religious acquaintances are doing it, but feel it's beyond them because of all the religious restrictions and constraints. What we're doing is informing the religious crowd that it is accessible, it is doable, and we're offering them an added dimension to their lives."

Mt. Kilimanjaro is one of the seven summits, the highest points on each continent, and one of the tallest peaks in the world that can be attained without technical climbing skills. Ascending the mountain does not require ropes, oxygen tanks, or crampons (metal spikes that clip to boots that assist in walking on snow and ice); only courage and a good pair of walking shoes.

Shabbat fell on the fifth day of the trek. In preparation, Kehat and his partner constructed an *eruv*, an enclosure around the camp that permits carrying objects from one property to another. A bag of flour was molded into four loaves of *challah*, which were fried in oil instead of baked. A bottle of grape juice and tea candles emerged from a suitcase, and song, prayer, and a hearty meal completed the observance of a traditional Shabbat, albeit at 15,180 feet.

Having been raised in a religious family, biblical verses flow easily from Kehat's tongue, in Hebrew or English. On Shabbat morning, he opened up to the weekly Torah reading and read the entire portion aloud while the rest of the group huddled around him in the tent. He then chanted the accompanying *Haftarah* portion as well.

"Mountains play an out-of-proportion role in the whole biblical narrative—Mount Moriah, Mount Sinai—but it goes way beyond that," Kehat said. "I think that mountains are where we come closest to the creation. We ask ourselves, why is this mountain here, why does it stick out in the midst of the African plain? Why are the Himalayas the tallest mountains in the world? What geologic forces happened here? They are extremes, so they bring us to contemplate creation."

After living on a mountain for nearly a week, most of the group was beginning to appear a little worn around the edges, except for Kehat, who always looked as if he had just stepped out of a wilderness clothing catalog: clean, well pressed, and ready to lead the charge







up the mountain. He kept the group's minds alert in the oxygen-thin air by throwing out mathematical brain teasers, demonstrating how to use trekking poles to read one's position, or sharing tidbits of navigational wisdom, like how to calculate the furthest point visible on the horizon.

After several relatively easy days and a day of rest, the will and courage of the group was about to be tested: a 2,500-foot climb over rock and ice, followed by a bitter cold night in a wind-swept crater. A few hours before dawn the following day, the group would depart in darkness and climb the final 800 feet in order to reach the summit at 19,340 feet at sunrise. Kehat surveyed the group's morale and declared it in good health. "I think there is a little nervousness amongst us about a bitter cold and sleepless night. But I think that's a healthy part of the trek. I'm an incorrigible optimist. Tuesday morning,

we're going to summit to the highest point in Africa and we're going to be thrilled. It's going to be something we'll carry with us the rest of our lives."

On commencement day in May 1979, Kehat joined many fellow graduates in adding a black armband to his royal blue cap and gown, a sign of protest demanding that the University divest from South Africa. Though he admits he was never "anti-war," a career in the military was not how he envisioned his post-Brandeis future. But like many graduates, life unfolded quite differently from how he had imagined.

His decision to return to Jerusalem led to a new understanding of the importance of serving his country. "The wars, in most Israelis' views, were forced on us. The name of our army is the Israel Defense Forces. What we're trying to do is ensure what it says in our anthem: *Liyot am hofshi b'artzenu*. To be a free people within our country and not to force anything on our neighbors."

Whenever his parents are asked why they moved to Israel, Kehat says they respond with a famous quote from Oliver Wendell Holmes, Jr.: "To the extent that life is action and passion, one who hasn't lived the action and passion of his times can't be said to have lived at all."

"The Jewish state is the action and passion of the Jewish people in these times," Kehat said. And if that's not exciting enough, go climb a mountain. ■

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# Books and Recordings



ALTERNATIVE  
LEGACIES OF  
CULTURAL  
CRITIQUE

Edited by Jeffrey T. Nealon and Caren Irr

## Faculty

**John Burt, ed.**  
Professor of English

*Selected Poems of Robert Penn Warren*  
Louisiana State University Press

John Burt's *Selected Poems of Robert Penn Warren* is more broadly representative of Warren's poetry than any previous selected gathering. With each poem, Burt has carefully located the version that constitutes Warren's final revision. His introduction gives an overview of the poet's career, touching on every published book of verse and highlighting significant lines.

**Mary Baine Campbell**  
Professor of English

*Trouble*  
Carnegie Mellon University Press

Mary Baine Campbell's *Trouble* is an expression of that predicament in which we constantly find ourselves: how to live truthfully in our flawed world. Her poems explore the thrill of being profoundly imperiled, amidst the pleasure and joy of the mere possibility of redemption.

**Michael T. Gilmore**  
Paul Prosswimmer Professor of American Literature

*Surface and Depth: The Quest for Legibility in American Culture*  
Oxford University Press

Focusing on the distinctly American zeal for knowing or making legible, Gilmore seeks to recuperate a central tradition while simultaneously recognizing how much that tradition has occluded. Combining historical reconceptualization with readings of many of the classics of American literature, the author traces—from the time of the first white settlement and subsequent founding of the United States—the presence of a hitherto unappreciated inheritance.

**Caren Irr**  
and Jeffrey T. Nealon, eds.  
Irr is an associate professor of English and American literature at Brandeis.

*Rethinking the Frankfurt School: Alternative Legacies of Cultural Critique*  
State University of New York Press

In her reexamination of key Frankfurt School thinkers in the light of contemporary theory and cultural studies across the disciplines, Irr asks what consequences such a rethinking might have for study of the Frankfurt School on its own terms. Contemporary

theorists find themselves turning back toward the Frankfurt School precisely for the reasons it was once scorned.

**Susan S. Lanser**  
and Neil Fraistat, eds.  
Lanser is professor of English and American literature and chair of the Women's Studies Program.

Helen Maria Williams's  
*Letters Written in France*  
Broadview Press

Helen Maria Williams was a poet, novelist, and radical thinker deeply immersed in the political struggles of the 1790s. Her *Letters Written in France* is the first and most important of eight volumes chronicling the French Revolution to an England fearful of another war. Her 26 letters recounting Old Regime tyranny and revolutionary events provide an apology for the revolution and a representation of it as a sublime spectacle.

**Paul Morrison**  
Associate Professor of English

*The Explanation for Everything: Essays on Sexual Subjectivity*  
New York University Press

Combining psychoanalytic, literary, and queer theory, *The Explanation for Everything* seeks to account for the explanatory power

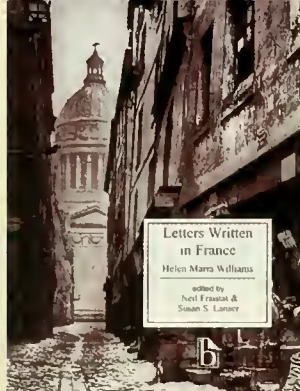
attributed to homosexuality, and its relationship to compulsory heterosexuality. In the process, Morrison presents an indictment of psychoanalysis and its impact on the study of sexuality. In bold but graceful leaps, Morrison applies his critique to a diversity of examples: the cultural construction and reception of AIDS, the work of Robert Mapplethorpe, and the practice of bodybuilding.

**Jacob Neusner**  
Neusner is research professor of religion and theology senior fellow at Bard College's Institute of Advanced Theology.

*Marvin Fox: Collected Essays on Philosophy and on Judaism*  
Vol. 1: *Greek Philosophy, Maimonides*  
Vol. 2: *Some Philosophers*  
Vol. 3: *Ethics, Reflections*  
University Press of America, Inc.

**Marvin Fox** was a leading figure in the field of Jewish philosophy who taught at Brandeis and held the Philip W. Lown Chair in Jewish Philosophy in the Department of Near Eastern and Judaic Studies. Fox's work made Brandeis the center of Jewish studies in the United States. In bringing out his papers, Neusner seeks to ensure that Fox's intellectual and scholarly legacy will endure, in addition to his previously recognized institutional contributions.





### Mark Sanders

Assistant Professor of English and American Literature

*Complicities: The Intellectual and Apartheid*  
Duke University Press

*Complicities* explores the contradictory position of the intellectual who takes a stand against political policies and ideologies. The author argues that intellectuals cannot avoid some degree of complicity in what they oppose and that responsibility can only be achieved with their acknowledgment of this complicity. He shows how complicity emerges as a predicament for intellectuals across the ideological and social spectrum and also reveals how sexual difference joins with race to further complicate issues of collusion.

### Faith Smith

Associate Professor of African and Afro-American Studies and English and American Literature

*Creole Recitations: John Jacob Thomas and Colonial Formation in the Late Nineteenth-Century Caribbean*  
University of Virginia Press

In this first full-length study of John Jacob Thomas—one of the leading members



of the newly emergent intelligentsia in 19th-century Trinidad—Smith puts his texts in dialogue with other narratives by local and international Pan-Africanists, Victorian intellectuals, and local and regional blacks, coloreds, and whites. Shedding light on the intellectual terrain of the late 19th century, she provides an important context for better-known figures of 20th-century Caribbean literature such as C.L.R. James, V.S. Naipaul, and Jamaica Kincaid.

### Ramie Targoff

Associate Professor of English and American Literature; Fellowship at the Wissenschaftskolleg in Berlin 2003-04

*Common Prayer: The Language of Public Devotion in Early Modern England*  
The University of Chicago Press

*Common Prayer* explores the relationship between prayer and poetry in the century following the Protestant Reformation. The author challenges the conventional and misleading distinctions between the ritualized world of Catholicism and the more individualistic focus of Protestantism. Targoff shows how the projects of composing eloquent verse and improving liturgical worship came to be deeply intertwined and how new literary practices became a powerful means of forging common prayer.

## CREOLE RECITATIONS

JOHN JACOB THOMAS AND COLONIAL FORMATION IN THE LATE NINETEENTH-CENTURY CARIBBEAN



New World Studies, A. James Arnold, editor

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Senior Research Associate at The Schneider Institute for Health Policy at The Heller School for Social Policy and Management at Brandeis

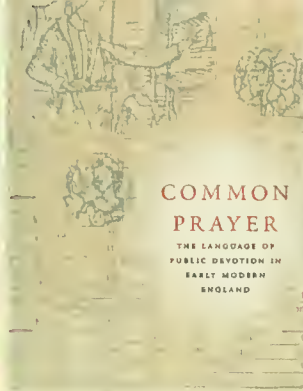
*Code Green: Money-Driven Hospitals and the Dismantling of Nursing*  
Cornell University Press

The United States is on the verge of the nation's worst nursing shortage in history. In her analysis, Weinberg warns that many of the heralded solutions to the nursing and patient care crisis treat symptoms rather than the underlying disease. Hospital restructurings have threatened the industry and completely transformed nurses' daily lives, the identity of nursing as a profession, and the types of care patients receive. Weinberg examines cost-cutting strategies hospitals have employed that contribute to the nursing crisis.

### Alumni

#### Harlyn Aizley '83

Aizley's writing has appeared in numerous journals and magazines, including *96 Inc.*, *Berkeley Fiction Review*, and *Boston Magazine*, as well as in the anthologies *Beginnings*, *Love Shook My Heart*, and *Scream When You Burn*.



*Buying Dad: One Woman's Search for the Perfect Sperm Donor*

What do two nice Jewish girls do when they want to start a family? They can marry two nice Jewish boys, or if they happen to be lesbians, they can buy sperm online from California. *Buying Dad* is a hilarious, edgy, first-person chronicle of a woman engaged in a very alternative family-planning experience.

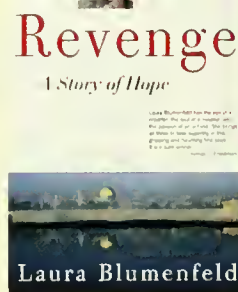
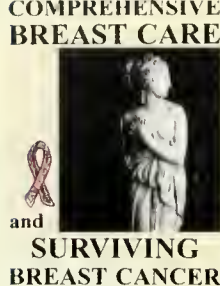
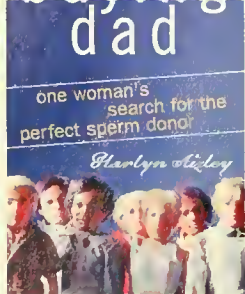
### Joel Berman '63

Berman is a general and peripheral vascular surgeon practicing in southern California. He is the director of the Center for Breast Care of the Orange County Regional Cancer Center and an associate professor of surgery at the University of Southern California.

*Comprehensive Breast Care and Surviving Breast Cancer*  
Branden Books

Berman has been treating breast cancer for many decades, and has written this book for the public with the input and expertise of many other professionals. He covers all aspects of breast care, including the history of the breast in art, the history of breast cancer treatment, diet and nutrition, and cancer diagnosis and treatment.

*Understanding Surgery: A Comprehensive Guide for Every Family*  
Branden Books



This surgical text for the patient is one that offers questions to be asked when considering surgery. It provides an understanding of what goes on in the operating room. Sutures, drains, complications, choosing a surgeon: it's all here.

**Sandie Bernstein '61** and Rhoda Kaplan Pierce. Bernstein served for 18 years as a professional in the field of Jewish communal service in Greater Boston. She is a poet and a writer with a Judaic background.

*Leah's Blessing*  
Kehillah Press

In a crowded Jerusalem market, Leah Applebaum's son-in-law is killed by a terrorist bomb. In Borough Park, her mother dies and Leah is brought face-to-face with the heritage she has scorned and the daughter from whom she is estranged. When attempts to reconcile with her daughter fail, Leah seeks refuge in her career as a corporate art buyer. Arriving in Israel, she encounters Maya, an Arab-Israeli woman, and is forced to hide a secret that could bind them together. Leah's business trip becomes a spiritual journey.

**Laura Blumenfeld**  
Blumenfeld has been a staff writer at *The Washington Post* since 1992. She has also written for *The New Yorker*, *The New York Times*, and *The Los Angeles Times*.

*Revenge: A Story of Hope*  
Atria Books

This *New York Times* bestseller is a powerful global exploration of the nature of revenge by a prize-winning reporter whose father, **Rabbi David Blumenfeld '56**, survived being shot in Israel by a radical member of the PLO. Part journalist, part lonely girl, part cartoon avenger, Blumenfeld travels through Europe, America, and the Middle East gathering stories of revenge as she plots to infiltrate the shooter's life. Ultimately, the revenge she seeks is not an act of violence, but an acknowledgment of wrongdoing from the shooter.

**Jennifer Eastman '68**  
Eastman is an attorney and visiting lecturer at Framingham State College.

*The Mythic and the Real*  
Albert Camus  
Rutledge Books

Long admired as a top philosopher and author of the 20th century, Camus's words continue to speak to young intellectuals with the same intensity that they had for their parents. Eastman provides a comprehensive analysis of the development of Camus's philosophical theories from a psychological viewpoint.

**Neil Friedman '61**  
Friedman has a Ph.D. in clinical psychology from Harvard University and has taught at Miles College, Tuskegee Institute, the New School for Social Research, Brandeis University, SUNY Stony Brook, and Lesley University.

*Kindred Spirits: Essays in Race, Politics, and Psychology 1960-2000*  
Xlibris Corporation

This is a book of social criticism, historical analysis, psychological theory, and self-disclosure. We have our divisions. We are black and white, rich and poor, young and old, male and female, straight and gay, "us" and "them." But ultimately, it ought to be our goal to remember that we are all kindred spirits.

**David B. Friend '78**  
Friend holds an M.B.A. from the Wharton School of the University of Pennsylvania, and is a licensed physician in the state of Massachusetts. He is also a member of the Board of the Institute for Health Policy at The Heller School for Social Policy and Management.

*Healthcare.com: Rx for Reform*  
St. Lucie Press

Friend argues in this book that the old, traditional school of thought about healthcare must be discarded and new solutions should be examined. He uses the disciplines of economics, medicine, technology, and politics to discuss possible reforms that would make U.S. healthcare truly effective, cost efficient, and compassionate.

**Sue Pelarsky Gary '60**  
with Connie Ulasewicz.  
Gary has more than 30 years of experience as a garment

manufacturer. She is a recognized international speaker and consultant for the Garment & Sewn Products industry and a teacher of fashion studies curricula in California.

*Made in America: The Business of Apparel and Sewn Products Manufacturing*  
Garmentospeak

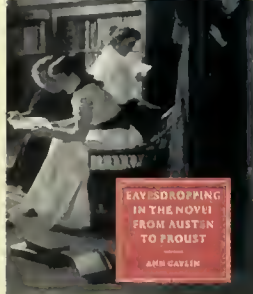
This is a how-to book for anyone considering designing and marketing apparel or sewn products. It teaches readers how to target market shares, correctly cost products, manufacture, and distribute. The guide also includes important forms for entrepreneurs.

**Ann Gaylin '84**  
Gaylin is associate professor of comparative literature at Yale University.

*Eavesdropping in the Novel from Austen to Proust*  
Cambridge University Press

Gaylin argues that eavesdropping dramatizes a primal human urge to know, and offers a paradigm of narrative transmission and reception of information among characters, narrators, and readers. Analyzing eavesdropping in Austen, Balzac, Dickens, Collins, and Proust, she demonstrates the flexibility of the scene to produce narrative complication or resolution, and to place the debates of privacy and publicity within the literal and metaphoric spaces of the 19th-century novel.





**Merrill Joan Gerber, M.A. '81**

Gerber teaches creative writing at the California Institute of Technology.

*Gut Feelings: A Writer's Truths and Minute Inventions*

The University of Wisconsin Press

In the essays and tales that verge on memoir collected in *Gut Feelings*, Gerber opens us to her life and work as a writer. She reveals the truths and inventions of a writer's vision and the use of life as the raw material of art. Her personal essays range widely, from the mysteries of love and marriage to painful encounters with suicides and family deaths.

**Kenneth Helphand '68**

Helphand is professor of landscape architecture at the University of Oregon and a visiting professor at the Technion, Israel Institute of Technology.

*Dreaming Gardens: Landscape Architecture and the Making of Modern Israel*

University of Virginia Press

*Dreaming Gardens* is a pioneering work that provides a framework for understanding the contributions of landscape architecture in the creation of Israel. The development of the landscape architecture profession in Israel paralleled the development of the state, as immigrants brought skills and ideas from the Diaspora, creating a unique opportunity for designers to help shape their national identity.



**Sheila H. Katz '73**

Katz is associate professor at the Berklee College of Music and has written articles and reviews for *Gendering the Middle East*, *Middle East Journal*, *Arab Studies Review*, and *Harvard International Review*.

*Women and Gender in Early Jewish and Palestinian Nationalism*

University Press of Florida

Drawing on a variety of source materials, ranging from popular print media to poetry, film, political treatises, and biographies and autobiographies, the author examines the ways in which gender formed the political identities of Palestinian Arabs and Jewish Zionists.

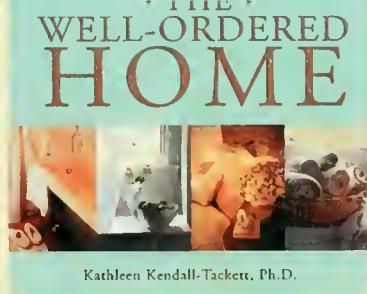
**Kathleen Kendall-Tackett Ph.D. '90**

Kendall-Tackett is a health psychologist whose work involves helping people cope with the stresses and strains of daily life. She is also a research associate professor of psychology at the University of New Hampshire and a fellow of the American Psychological Association.

*The Well-Ordered Home: Techniques for Inviting Serenity into Your Life*

New Harbinger Publications, Inc.

Experienced home organizer Kathleen-Tackett shows readers how to create an uplifting and peaceful home environment that nurtures family health and well being, and allows time for enjoyment of the more important and fun things in life. She explains how readers can cut through habits of disorganization that contribute significantly



to stress, overcome psychological blocks to orderliness, discover homemaking strengths, and relax in their own homes.

**David Lester, M.A. '66, Ph.D. '68**

Lester is a professor of psychology at The Richard Stockton College of New Jersey, and has written and edited numerous books concerned with death and dying.

*Fixin' to Die: A Compassionate Guide to Committing Suicide or Staying Alive*

Baywood

In *Fixin' to Die*, Lester submits that a decision to commit suicide is highly personal and not to be enforced by others, contending that the choice of suicide can be rational and morally sound. This book is a guide for those evaluating suicide as an option, guiding the reader through the decision-making process and making suggestions, such as including loved ones in the process.

*The Secret Diary of Katie: Unlocking the Mystery of a Suicide* (Editor)

Brunner-Routledge

*The Secret Diary of Katie* is a unique analysis of the diary left behind by a young woman who has committed suicide. As compared to suicide notes, which are typically brief, Katie's diary consists of five separate books, which are analyzed by professionals in the fields of suicidology, linguistics, and women's studies, among others.



*Crisis Intervention and Counseling by Telephone*

Charles C. Thomas Publisher, Ltd.

This book provides a practical framework for giving immediate problem-solving assistance by telephone to persons in crisis. The text offers specific techniques to deal with out-of-control situations with the highly important initial steps to protect the caller, the crisis worker, and the community.

**Dia Michels '80**

Michels is a writer of books for adults and children.

*Look What I See! Where Can I Be? At Home and Look What I See! Where Can I Be? With My Animal Friends*

Platypus Media

In each story, a baby wakes up to a new surprise after each daily nap. At first, the baby sees only a single detail but—as the page turns—a lively scene is revealed. With appealing color photos and simple words, these guessing game books show even the youngest readers how to be aware of their environment. These are the second and third of a five-book series.

**Andy Oram '78**

Oram has been writing and editing books on programming and networking since 1992.

*Peer-To-Peer: Harnessing the Power of Disruptive Technologies*

O'Reilly

In this book, key peer-to-peer pioneers take us beyond the headlines and



hype and show how the technology is changing the way we communicate and exchange information. Those working to advance peer-to-peer as a technology, a business opportunity, and an investment offer their insights into how the technology has evolved and where it's going. They explore the problems they've faced, the solutions they've discovered, the lessons they've learned, and their goals for the future of computer networking.

**Robyn L. Rosen '86**

Rosen is assistant professor of history at Marist College.

*Reproductive Health, Reproductive Rights: Reformers and the Politics of Maternal Welfare, 1917-1940*  
The Ohio State University Press

In the early 20th century, shifting attitudes and new public health standards brought an unprecedented interest in and effort to regulate issues affecting reproduction and maternity. Items related to maternal and infant care, such as nutrition and medical care, came under scrutiny, as did the issue of birth control. While the prior gained public support, the latter remained controversial. Rosen examines the careers of reformers who embodied the struggle to define and resolve tensions over birth control.

**Samuel Rosenberg '70**

Rosenberg is a professor of economics and director of the Honors Program at Roosevelt University.

*American Economic Development Since 1945*  
Palgrave Macmillan

This study provides a historical analysis of the economic development of the United States since 1945, helping the reader to understand the

nation's current economic position. Rosenberg addresses key issues such as the development of business-labor relations, the evolution of social and labor policies, and the changing role of America in the world economy. Basic economic concepts are also introduced and explained, making this essential reading for all those with an interest in the postwar economic history of the United States.

**Mark Simon '68**

and William Grover, Jefferson Riley, Chad Floyd, and James Childress. Simon worked as a cabinetmaker, developing a concern for architectural detail. He has served as chair of the AIA Committee on Design and several years later was advanced to the AIA College of Fellows.

*The Enthusiasms of Centerbrook*  
The Images Publishing Group Pty Ltd.

The enthusiasms of the Centerbrook partners are embodied in the design work they create. They also share a great enthusiasm for people. Rather than discussing proportions, or refinement of details, they talk about how a sitting area overlooks a busy pedestrian path. The firm's work over the past 35 years has earned them many awards, much praise, and the attention of thousands of colleagues. In 1998 when the American Institute of Architects bestowed its one-per-year Firm Award on Centerbrook, it cited them for consistently producing "human-scale spaces filled with delight."

**Scott A. Travers '83**

Travers is a regular contributor to numismatic periodicals, and his opinions are often sought by *Barron's*, *Business Week*, *The Wall Street Journal*, and the Federal Trade Commission.

*Coin Collector's Survival Manual: An Indispensable Guide for Collectors and Investors*  
Bonus Books

In his book, Travers teaches about the coin grading systems; detecting counterfeit, altered, and doctored coins; how to identify the perils and pitfalls of Internet coin auctions; the right way to handle and store coins; understanding coin grades; essential specifications—diameter, weight, composition, edge, and designers—for popular U.S. coins; plus a new chapter devoted to America's new coins.

**Jean Trounstein '75**

Trounstein is an author, activist, and professor of humanities at Middlesex Community College in Massachusetts.

*Almost Home Free*  
Pecan Grove Press

The diagnosis of breast cancer comes suddenly and without explanation. Lives are disrupted and are never the same again. Supportive family and friends are helpful, but it is easy to feel alone. The author shares a portion of her life in this collection of poems so that those undergoing treatment may feel less isolated.

**Mary-Lou Weisman '60**

Weisman is a contributor to *PRI's Savvy Traveler* and has written for many major magazines. She is the author of the bestselling *Middle-Aged Baby Book* and a memoir, *Intensive Care*.

*Traveling While Married*  
Algonquin Books

From honeymoon to Elderhostel, join Mary-Lou Weisman and her husband, Larry, as they navigate the peaks and valleys of a lifetime of travel together. She speaks for all of us when she falls for the fantasies that are in the very nature of travel: that by renting

other people's fabulous houses, you also take on their fabulous lives; or that by the act of leaving your workaday life behind, you are suddenly transformed into someone who knows how to surf or ride a horse.

**Glenn M. Wong '74**

Wong is an attorney practicing sports law. He is professor in the Department of Sports Studies at the University of Massachusetts-Amherst.

*Essentials of Sports Law*  
Praeger

Wong provides a comprehensive review of the various sports law issues facing professional, intercollegiate, Olympic, high school, youth, and adult recreational sports. Major topics include tort liability, contracts/waivers, antitrust law, labor law, constitutional law, gender discrimination, drug testing, intellectual property law, broadcasting laws pertaining to sports agents, business and employment law, Internet gambling, and athletes with disabilities. Discussions of legal concepts are supplemented with summaries and excerpts from hundreds of actual sports cases.

**Brandeis University Press**

*Our Musicals, Ourselves: A Social History of the American Musical Theatre*  
John Bush Jones

In this first, full-scale, social history of the American musical theater, from the imported Gilbert and Sullivan comic operas of the late 19th century to more recent musicals like *The Producers*, Jones examines their social relevance rather than sheer entertainment value. He is interested in how they directly or metaphorically engage contemporary politics and culture.



Jones is a retired professor of theater arts at Brandeis. He has written theater criticism for numerous journals and newspapers, and has directed musicals in professional, community, and university theaters.

*Celebrating the Jewish Holidays: Poems, Stories, Essays*

Steven J. Rubin, ed.

This volume is a comprehensive collection of Jewish writing pertaining to the six most celebrated Jewish holidays (Sabbath, Rosh Hashanah, Yom Kippur, Hanukkah, Purim, and Passover). The book brings together literature from eastern and western Europe, Latin America, the Middle East, and North America. Rubin's informative introductory essays discuss the cultural and historical significance of each holiday and give context to the individual literal selections.

Rubin is professor of English and associate dean of the College of Arts and Sciences at Adelphi University.

*Community and Conscience: The Jews in Apartheid South Africa*  
Gideon Shimoni

A fundamental fact underlies this provocative study: the Jews of South Africa shared in the status of the privileged in a society based on a system of legalized racial discrimination. Shimoni examines the Jewish experience during apartheid, including political, moral, and religious behaviors. He documents and explains the apparent paradox that while many of the whites who actively opposed apartheid were Jews, few Jews were active opponents of apartheid.

Shimoni heads the Hebrew University of Jerusalem's Institute of Contemporary Jewry, where he also holds the Shlomo Argov Chair in Israel-Diaspora Relations.

## **Brandeis Series in American Jewish History, Culture, and Life**

*The Jews of Prime Time*  
David Zurawik

Zurawik marshals evidence to suggest that, during television's first 35 years, its primarily Jewish power brokers actively suppressed Jewish characters and Jewish themes from appearing on the small screen. The founders of the three major networks dictated the kinds of shows Americans would watch from the late 1940s until they sold their broadcast empires in the mid-1980s. Only when the moguls sold their interest in the networks did things begin to change, and serious shows with leading Jewish characters began to appear.

Zurawik is the television critic for the *Baltimore Sun* and a visiting assistant professor in the Department of Communication and Media Studies at Goucher College.

## **Brandeis Series on Jewish Women**

*The Covenant of Circumcision: New Perspectives on an Ancient Jewish Rite*  
Elizabeth Wyner Mark, ed.

According to Jewish law, the ritual practice of circumcising male infants signals the male child's entry in the covenant his forefather Abraham made with God. Circumcision, now a common medical procedure for male infants in the United States, has come under increased scrutiny in recent years. The 16 essays in this volume, by exploring the history, cultural interpretations, and contemporary significance of circumcision from a

Jewish perspective, make a contribution to the informed discussion of current issues and controversies.

*Jewish Feminism in Israel: Some Contemporary Perspectives*

Kalpana Misra, ed. with Melanie S. Rich, ed.

This volume brings together—for the first time—the voices of feminist theorists, public policy administrators, philosophers, art critics, and others on the topic of Jewish feminism in Israel. Essays range from broad discussions of women and religion in Israel to more specific examinations of gender equality and inequality on the kibbutz, Mizrahi feminism, domestic violence, and avant-garde feminist art. Collectively, the essays present a systematic, critical, and dynamic view of Israeli Jewish feminism within its specific social and political context.

## **Recordings**

**Nancy Armstrong**  
Artist-in-Residence in Theater Arts at Brandeis.

*What Magic Has Victorious Love: Music of Purcell and Handel*  
Video Artists International

Henry Purcell's moving portrayal of text through music has long enthralled Armstrong, who was inspired in 1982 to do a recording project of his works with the Boston Museum Trio. When CDs replaced LPs several years later, the project needed to be reworked, but it was not until 1998 that Armstrong was able to do so. She added Handel's *Lucrezia*, for its wrenching emotion, unending rage, and demanding vocal line. The result is a luminous performance that captivates listeners.

**Ray Jackendoff**  
with Valentina Sandu-Dediu, piano  
Jackendoff is professor of linguistics and Volen National Center for Complex Systems at Brandeis.

*Romanian Music for Clarinet and Piano*  
Albany Records

This recording features works by Martian Negrea, Stefan Niculescu, Dan Dediu, and Constantin Silvestri.

## **Videos**

**Jonathan L. Barkan '71, coproducer**

Barkan has been involved in nonprofit, corporate, and government design and production efforts since 1971, and in the mid-1970s established Communications for Learning, Inc., a nonprofit communications firm.

*Bearing Witness—American Soldiers and the Holocaust*  
Communications for Learning, Inc.

This 21-minute video, focusing on the liberation of Nazi concentration camps by American soldiers at the end of World War II, is designed to be used in middle and high school classrooms when the Holocaust is first taught. It features the firsthand accounts of eight World War II veterans. The video is narrated by seasoned newscaster Morton Dean, and has earned four first-place awards for video excellence.



## Recent Graduates Network

If you would like to help with the Network in your city, contact your local club president (see page 48) or call Autumn Haynes, senior associate director of alumni relations, at 800-333-1948, [ahaynes@brandeis.edu](mailto:ahaynes@brandeis.edu).

Above: Jeff Shargel '98, Boston Recent Graduates Network Cochair Brian Irwin '98, Mantra event chair Melissa Bank '99, and Boston Recent Graduates Network Cochair Eli Strick '00

Right: Andrew Urbanetti '01 walks fellow alumni through the kitchen at Boston's Mantra



### Alumni Club of New York City

Party in Mod 10024! was the theme for a happy hour on February 13. Jeremy Biloon '92 and Lisa Goldstein '94 chaired the event held at New York City's Mod Bar and Lounge.

### Alumni Club of Greater Boston

On April 8, members of the Recent Graduates Network were invited to experience Mantra at a VIP restaurant tour with sous chef Andrew Urbanetti '01. Committee member Melissa Bank '99 organized the event at this downtown hot spot.

## Basketball Fever

### Alumni Club of Greater Boston

Leonard and Amy Greenberg Bard '79 took the lead in welcoming alumni and their families for a day of Brandeis basketball in the Gosman Sports and Convocation Center on February 9. Ollie the Owl visited with the children while alumni

enjoyed the hospitality room during the games against UAA rival Emory University.

### Alumni Clubs of New York City, Westchester County, Northern New Jersey, and Long Island

Metro area alumni and families were invited to join students and student-athletes and their families for a post-game party when

the Brandeis basketball teams visited NYU on March 1. Danny Lehrman '64 chairs this annual event. Members of the Young Lawyers Network continued the party with a networking happy hour at a nearby restaurant.

### Alumni Club of Northern New Jersey

A group of alumni and their families enjoyed an outing to the Continental Airlines Arena on February 23 to experience a New Jersey Nets basketball game.



## Future Alumni of Brandeis Help New Graduates

Hannah Johnson '02, Julian Hyman '78, and Sara Rosenfeld '81 returned to campus on March 18 to speak with members of the Class of 2003 at the fourth annual Beyond Peripheral Road, a life skills seminar

for seniors. They spoke and answered questions about knowing what to expect in the first year out of school, tips on finding

a great apartment, renting versus buying, and managing personal finances. The program ended with a presentation about business and social etiquette and door prizes for many of the attendees.

## Book Readings, Theater, TV, Music, and Family Events

### Alumni Club of Arizona

Brandeis University artists-in-residence, the Lydian String Quartet, performed at Crowder Hall at the University of Arizona on February 10. Alumni and friends were treated to a post-concert reception courtesy of Jim Belanger '81 of Lewis and Roca LLP. Joan Felleman '54, Mark Teece '81, and Elaine Lisberg of BUNWC helped to organize the gathering.

### Alumni Club of Greater Boston

Brandeis welcomed back Bob Jaffe '74 to a sold-out audience as he performed his one-man show, *...and then you go on. An anthology of the works of Samuel Becket* at the Merrick Theater in the Spingold Theater Center on April 27.

### Alumni Club of Chicago

Lenna Silberman Scott '92 organized a "play date" for alumni and their children at My Gym in Buffalo Grove on March 2. Children were busy with activities while the parents reminisced about Brandeis.

### Alumni Club of Southern California

An alumni group attended a performance of *Abstract Expression* on January 19 at the Egyptian Stage Arena in Hollywood. The play was written by Theresa Rebeck, M.A. '83, M.F.A. '86, Ph.D. '89, and featured Justine Reiss '87 in the role of Lillian.

*Friends* cocreators Marta Kauffman '78 and David Crane '79 welcomed a group of alumni to attend a live taping of their hit TV show on February 7 at the Warner Brothers Studio in Burbank.

### Alumni Club of New York City

The Media Network hosted Letty Cottin Pogrebin '59, author of *Three Daughters*, on January 22 at Brandeis House. Lisa Lee Freeman '86 chaired this opportunity for alumni to meet one of our Alumni Authors.

On February 27, Professor Emeritus of Theater Arts Martin Halpern and guests performed a staged reading of his chamber opera, *The Inseparables*, at Brandeis House.



Bob Jaffe '74 in character for *...and then you go on*.

## Faculty in the Field

### Alumni Club of Baltimore

Thomas Doherty, associate professor of film studies on the Sam Spiegel Fund, made one attendee want to return to college during his talk on "Americans All: From December 7 to 9-11." Donald and Lauren Cohen Small '78 hosted the event at their home on February 23.

### Alumni Club of Greater Boston

The Downtown Lunch Series continued with Leslie Zebrowitz, Manuel Yellen Professor of Social Relations, who presented "Are You As Smart As You Look or Do You Look Smarter Than You Are?" on January 15. On March 11, the series hosted Robert Reich, University Professor and Maurice B. Hexter Professor of Social and Economic Policy at The Heller School for Social Policy and Management. Alumni gather every other month at the downtown Boston firm of Brown Rudnick Berlack Israels, where the host is Lawrence Uchill '69. The series chair is Barbara Cantor Sherman '54.

The Brandeis Breakfast Series hosted Benjamin Gomes-Casseres '76, associate professor of international business and director of the M.B.A.I. Program for the Graduate School of International Economics and Finance,

on February 11. He led the discussion "From Icons to Enrons: The Rise and Fall of American Business Models" in the Napoli Room at the Gosman Sports and Convocation Center. Mitch Cohen '76 and Karen Gitten Gobler '89 cochair the series.

### Alumni Club of Northern California

On January 24, 2003, the club welcomed Stephen Whitfield, Ph.D. '72, Max Richter Professor of American Civilization, for a discussion of *CATCH-22*. Susan Lackritz Kaplan '55 hosted the gathering in her home in San Francisco.

### Alumni Clubs of Southern California and Chicago

Joseph Ketner, Henry and Lois Foster Director of the Rose Art Museum, visited Los Angeles on February 13. He shared "Fictions of Contemporary Art at The Rose" with alumni in the Jonathan Novak Contemporary Art Gallery, owned by Jonathan Novak '75.

On March 16, Ketner met with alumni at the Museum of Contemporary Art in Chicago. He presented "What is Modern Art? What is Contemporary Art? The Rose and the Future Wave" before the group toured through the museum.

### Alumni Club of England

While James Haber, Abraham and Etta Goodman Professor of Biology and Rosenstiel Basic Medical Sciences Research Center, was in London for a conference, he met with alumni for a discussion about the sequence of the



Human Genome. Since this is the 50th anniversary of the Watson-Crick description of the DNA double-helix structure, the group was engaged in a timely discussion. Arthur '58 and Joan Givner, Ph.D. '69, Bovarnick hosted the program at their home in London.

### Alumni Clubs of West Coast Florida and South Florida

On March 8, Steven Burg, Adlai Stevenson Professor of International Politics, met with alumni in Naples. The event was organized by chair Tyler Korn '97.

On March 9, Burg again spoke, this time to a standing-room-only-crowd at the home of Bruce '61 and Vicki Litwer in Coral Gables. Burg discussed "The United States and the International Politics of Using Force: The Balkans, Afghanistan, and Iraq."

### Alumni Club of New York City

The Visual Arts Network hosted a Fine Arts Faculty and Alumni Reunion on February 20, while many were in New York for the College Art Association National Conference.

On March 12, Reuven Kimelman, associate professor of Near Eastern and Judaic Studies, presented "Just War Theory and Judaism" to alumni at Brandeis House.

### Alumni Clubs of Philadelphia and Westchester County

Robert J. Art, Christian A. Herter Professor of International Relations, gave a lecture to alumni in these clubs on the impact of September 11 on American foreign policy.

On March 30, Shelly Wolf '64 and David Woods hosted alumni at their Philadelphia home. On April 6, Amy Medine Stein '59 did the same at her home in Hartsdale, New York.

## Group Savings

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## Alumni Clubs

Contact any of the club leaders via the email addresses below, or call the Office of Development and Alumni Relations for information at 781-736-4100. Please contact the Minority Alumni Network directly to be included on their mailing list.

### Leadership in Transition

Alumni Association  
President Paul Zlotoff '72 has appointed Mark Steven Cohen '78 as the new president for the Alumni Club of Long Island. We thank Jaime Ezratty '86 for his dedication to this role over the past five years. Should any Long Island alumni be interested in helping with the club activities, please contact Mark at [longisland@alumni.brandeis.edu](mailto:longisland@alumni.brandeis.edu). Victor R. Ney '81 is making the transition to vice president of the Alumni Association from president of the Alumni Club of New York City. Taking the reins from Vic is Douglas M. Monasebian '84, who can be reached at

[nyc@alumni.brandeis.edu](mailto:nyc@alumni.brandeis.edu). Arla Medvin Silverstein '88 is the new president in Chicago, [chicago@alumni.brandeis.edu](mailto:chicago@alumni.brandeis.edu). Thanks to David Desser '90 for his dedication over the past two years. Barbara Kirsner Berg '76 is succeeded by Rebecca Klein '94 as the president of the Alumni Club of Baltimore.

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## Wien Alumni Network Alumni and Student Spring Reception



Wien alumni and current scholars

Wien alumni and current Wien International Scholars gathered on April 6 in the Rapaport Treasure Hall for a spring reception. Participants bid farewell to the graduating Wien scholars, networked, and had the opportunity to hear from a number of speakers. Janet Akyuz Mattei '65, chair of the Wien Alumni Network, extended greetings to the alumni, students, faculty,

and administrators in attendance. Other speakers included Brian Mpofu '03, a graduating Wien Scholar, Manuel Costescu '99, and David Elwell, director of the International Students and Scholars Office. All spoke about the relationships that students build, and the importance of maintaining those connections after graduation.

## Alumni Share Their Expertise

Regional clubs invite their own members to share their expertise on a variety of topics. These events provide an opportunity to engage alumni and make them aware of each other's accomplishments and endeavors as well as provide a network of support for others. If you are interested in sharing your expertise or opening up your home to host a program, please contact your club president directly or contact Autumn Haynes, senior associate director of alumni relations, at 800-333-1948, [ahaynes@brandeis.edu](mailto:ahaynes@brandeis.edu).

### Alumni Club of Northern California

On March 30, cochairs Rachel Rassen '71 and Rich Fetik '85 organized a discussion with Martha Kanter '70, president, De Anza College, and Mitch Kertzman '70, former CEO of Liberate Technologies, at De Anza College in Cupertino.

### Alumni Club of Southern California

While in Los Angeles from Chicago, Christie Hefner '74, chair and CEO of Playboy Enterprises, Inc., spoke with a group of alumni on March 14 at The Peninsula Hotel.



Martha Kanter '70, Rachel Rassen '71, Mitch Kertzman '70, and Linda Marks '62, Alumni Club of Northern California President

### Alumni Club of New York City

On February 11, the Allied Health Professionals Network's Douglas M. Monasebian '84, M.D., FACS, presented "Funny, you don't look...", an objective analysis of the facial and body features that allow one to stereotype and

profile people. Brian Haftel '90 chaired the event at Brandeis House.

Dena Fisher, Ph.D. '01, executive director, Seeds of Peace Program, shared the details about this special initiative that promotes coexistence between Israeli and Palestinian youth. Fisher also introduced some participants of the program



## Minority Alumni Network

### Alumni Club of Greater Boston

On February 11, Julieanna Richardson '76, founder and executive director of The HistoryMakers, spoke on campus to a group of students and alumni. The program was held in conjunction with the Brandeis Black Student Organization's Black History Month events. Founded in 1999, The HistoryMakers is a national, nonprofit organization. Its goal is to create a video-oral history

archives to record the African-American experience as told in the first person. Genevieve Louis '94 chaired the event.

On March 23, the Minority Alumni Network invited all members of the Greater Boston alumni community to a viewing of *Coexistence: Contemporary Cultural Production in South Africa* at The Rose Art Museum. Guests explored the exhibit of South African contemporary art, and then had the opportunity to hear about specific pieces from Joseph Ketner, the Henry and

Lois Foster Director of The Rose Art Museum. Joseph Perkins '66, chair of the Minority Alumni Network, chaired the event.

### Alumni Club of New York City

On April 2, author Terrie Williams '75, president of the Terrie Williams Agency and founder of the Stay Strong Foundation, discussed and signed copies of her

latest book, *A Plentiful Harvest: Creating Balance and Harmony Through the Seven Living Virtues*. Loosely inspired by the principles of Kwanzaa, the book addresses the issues people face as they try to juggle family and work. Terrie introduced a series of lessons people can follow using her Seven Virtues.

On April 23, the network hosted a reception for alumni and local students who were home for spring break. Attendees took the opportunity to network and make new contacts and to visit Brandeis House.

to the alumni attendees at the Brandeis House event on March 11.

The Real Estate and Entrepreneurs Networks came together for a networking reception on March 27 at Brandeis House. Robert M. Safron '66 and Daniel A. Shabel '86 chaired the event, which featured Kenneth Horn '78, president, Alchemy Properties Inc. as the keynote speaker.

A CLE course sponsored by the Young Lawyers Network delivered by eight seasoned practitioners in their

respective fields focused on the complex ethical issues addressed by legal counsel every day. Mark Saloman '89 and Stewart Pollack '91 cochaired the event on April 8.

Sponsored by the Entrepreneurs Network on April 21, Evangelos Simoudis '91, partner, Apax Partners, Inc., gave a lecture on the ever-changing investment climate and the current focus of investors. Simoudis has more than 15 years experience in high-tech operations, marketing, sales, and engineering. Izzet Bensusan '98, M.A. '99, chaired the event.



Stewart Pollack '91 and Leslie Effron Levin '94 of the Young Lawyers Network

## Alumni Leadership Weekend

During the weekend of March 21-22, the Brandeis University Alumni Association hosted the 2003 Alumni Leadership Weekend *Our Brandeis—A Work of Heart*. Alumni leaders from all areas of the Brandeis community gathered for a weekend of workshops, tours,

receptions, and discussions. The weekend was an opportunity for alumni to see how the campus has been transformed, and to underscore the vital role alumni will play in building the Brandeis of the future. The Leadership Weekend was chaired by Lori Berman Gans '83, M.M.H.S. '86.



Robert Shapiro '52, Brandeis University Trustee, and President Jehuda Reinharz, Ph.D. '72



Paul Zlotoff '72, Alumni Association president, welcomes alumni on Saturday



Lori Berman Gans '83, M.M.H.S. '86, chair of the Alumni Leadership Weekend, welcomes alumni attendees and their guests to the opening night reception



Valya Kazes Shapiro '61 shares her experiences as a Wien Scholar and alumna during the Saturday morning session



Student a cappella group Starving Artists entertain alumni at the closing dinner on Saturday evening



Danny Lehrman '67 presents Michael Kalafatas '65 with a special tribute recognizing his 35 years of service to Brandeis University





President Jehuda Reinharz, Ph.D. '72, Leslie Effron Levin '94, Erica Lowenfels '98, and Adam Rifkin '97



President Reinharz, Ph.D. '72, offers greetings on behalf of the University



Alumni Term Trustee Alex Barkas '68 speaks about his Brandeis experience and the importance of maintaining University connections



Recipients of the 2003 Service to Association Award Darlene Green Kamine '74 and Chuck Kamine '74, with Alumni Association vice president Debbie Moeckler Berman '87



Robert Reich, University Professor and Maurice B. Hexter Professor of Social and Economic Policy, discusses the "Essence of Leadership" following Friday evening's opening night dinner



Jean Eddy, senior vice president for students and enrollment, with student panelists discuss student life at Brandeis today



Kofi Gyasi '79, Wilfred Chilangwa, Jr. '91, M.A. '92, and Michael Appell '79

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Ph.D. '97, Daniel Elkaim '81,  
Sally Glickman '59, Jay  
Kaufman '68, Michael  
Saivetz '97, and Clare Tully '80

## Academic Excellence at Alumni College



Mary Gustafson,  
Assistant Director of the  
Education Program

Enthusiastic alumni and friends of the University gathered on campus June 20 for the Brandeis University Alumni Association's annual Alumni College, which was held in conjunction with Reunion Weekend. Alumni College is a daylong academic adventure for Brandeis graduates, their families, and friends of the University. This year's program, "An Emphasis on Academic Excellence" featured classes with Brandeis faculty members and prominent alumni addressing important issues in today's news, including education, religion, forensics, economics, and world trade.

The morning classes included a presentation about changes in the area of education featuring Marya Levenson '64, Harry S. Levitan Director of Teacher Education and professor of the practice of education, and Mary Gustafson, assistant director of the Education Program. Their discussion addressed the impact of changing standards, high stakes testing, teaching requirements, the growth of Jewish day schools, and how the Education Program at Brandeis is responding to these new demands. Marc Brettler '78, M.A. '78, Ph.D. '87, Dora Golding Professor of Biblical Studies and Everett Fox '68, M.A. '72, Ph.D. '75, Allen M. Glick Professor of Judaic and Biblical Studies



## The Harry S. Levitan Remedial Reading and Education Prize

David G. Gotthelf '72 was presented with the second Harry S. Levitan Remedial Reading and Education Prize during mini-Commencement exercises on May 16. Marya Levenson '64, the Harry S. Levitan Director of Teacher Education and professor of the practice of education,

presented Gotthelf the award on behalf of the Brandeis University Office of Alumni Relations in recognition of his professional achievements in furthering the goals of education through his leadership, research, and teaching.

at Clark University, shared their observations about the Hebrew Bible with an attentive audience.

Alumni College participants had the opportunity to explore forensic science as it relates to specific cases involving drugs, currency, explosives, and homicides with Arthur H. Reis, Jr., associate provost and lecturer in chemistry. Benjamin Gomes-Casseres '76, associate professor of international business, led the session "From Icons to Enrons: The Rise and Fall of American Business Models."

Everyone enjoyed their picnic lunches and many took advantage of the opportunity to learn about utilizing the various

estate planning vehicles designed to protect them and their families during these challenging economic times. They returned for the afternoon session by Chad P. Bown, assistant professor of economics, who discussed the importance of multilateralism and nondiscrimination in international trade. Bown reviewed the successes and failures of the World Trade Organization and dispelled some of the common myths regarding international trade.

The day culminated with a relaxing reception at the Alumni Artists Exhibit featuring artwork submitted by alumni celebrating their Brandeis Reunions in the Student Art Gallery in the new Carl and Ruth Shapiro Campus Center.



Arthur H. Reis, Jr.,  
Associate Provost and  
Lecturer in Chemistry

## Class of 1953 Reaches Milestone

The sun was out to greet the Class of 1953 as they celebrated their 50th Reunion on May 16-18. The alumni were all smiles as they led the Commencement procession, which culminated a weekend of exciting activities honoring this milestone occasion. For photos from the weekend, please see pages 58-64.



## Upcoming Alumni Events

For a current calendar of activities or for more details, visit <http://alumni.brandeis.edu>, or watch your mail for invitations to the following programs (subject to change).

**Alumni Club of Baltimore**  
**Sunday, November 16**  
Faculty-in-the-Field event with Professor of Sociology Gordon Fellman

**Alumni Club of Greater Boston**  
**Wednesday, September 17**  
Downtown Lunch Series with Associate Provost and Chemistry Lecturer Arthur H. Reis, Jr., "Forensic Science: Real Crimes Can Be Solved?"

**Thursday, September 18**  
Cosponsored with the Minority Alumni Network  
Alumni Night at Spingold Theater Center  
*Twilight: Los Angeles, 1992*

**Tuesday, October 21**  
Brandeis Breakfast Series with Robert J. Art, the Christian Herter professor of international Relations, on "American Foreign Policy and the War on Terror"

**Thursday, November 13**  
Meet the Five Massachusetts Brandeis Judges: A Celebration in Honor of Louis D. Brandeis's 147th Birthday, with keynote address by Richard Kay '68, Louis D. Brandeis historian

**Wednesday, November 19**  
Downtown Lunch Series with Associate Professor of International Business Benjamin Gomes-Casseres '76, "From Icons to Enrons: The Rise and Fall of American Business Models"

**Sunday, December 7**  
Holiday Reception at The Rose Art Museum

**Tuesday, December 9**  
Brandeis Breakfast Series with Chemistry Professor Michael Henchman, "How Science Shapes Art"



## Alumni Reception at the Turkish Embassy

Members of the Alumni Club of Washington, D.C. joined President Jehuda Reinharz, Ph.D. '72, at the Turkish Embassy on March 27. Ambassador Osman Faruk Logoglu '63 and his wife, Mimi, graciously welcomed the group into their historic residence in the District.



### **Alumni Club of Southern California**

**Sunday, August 31**  
The Big Picture—The Hollywood Musical at the Hollywood Bowl

**Sunday, October 12**  
Brunch and Presentation in Laguna  
"Behind the Scenes at a Battered Women's Shelter" by Adrienne Solomon Cohen '57

**Wednesday, November 5**  
Real Judges on Reel Judges: A Celebration in Honor of Louis D. Brandeis's 147th Birthday

**Alumni Club of Chicago**  
**Tuesday, September 16**  
Recent Graduates Network Happy Hour

**Alumni Club of England**  
**Sunday, November 23**  
Annual Alumni-Student Thanksgiving Day Tea

**Alumni Club of Long Island**  
**Thursday, September 4**  
U.S. Open Quarterfinal Matches

**Alumni Club of New York City**  
**Wednesday, September 10**  
Recent Graduates Network  
The Art of Starting a Collection with Michelle Ticknor '95, contemporary art dealer  
Featuring the work of Shoshana Dentz '89

**Monday, September 15**  
Entrepreneurs Network  
Reception and address by Jonathan G. Davis '75

**Wednesday, October 8**  
Young Lawyers Network  
Networking Reception

**Wednesday, October 15**  
Alumni in Media  
Networking Panel and Reception

**Thursday, October 30**  
Recent Graduates Network  
Costumes and Cocktails

**Thursday, November 13**  
Young Lawyers Network  
Meet the Brandeis Judges: A Celebration in Honor of Louis D. Brandeis's 147th Birthday

**Sunday, November 23**  
Recent Graduates Network  
Community Service Event

**Wednesday, December 3**  
Media Network presents a lecture and book signing by author Vira Hladun-Goldman

**Thursday, December 11**  
Recent Graduates Network  
Holiday Happy Hour

**Tuesday, December 16**  
Brandeis House Holiday Celebration

**Alumni Club of Northern New Jersey**  
**Sunday, November 16**  
Faculty-in-the-Field event with Stephen J. Whitfield, Ph.D. '72, the Max Richter Professor of American Civilization

**Alumni Club of Westchester County**  
**Sunday, November 16**  
Faculty-in-the-Field event with Stephen J. Whitfield, Ph.D. '72, the Max Richter Professor of American Civilization

**Fall Fest (Homecoming and Family Weekend)**  
**October 24-26**  
See <http://alumni.brandeis.edu/fallfest> for a complete list of activities.

**Wien Alumni Network**  
**Sunday, November 9**  
WISP 45th Anniversary Celebration in New York City

# Reunion 2003

## Reunion Weekend, June 20-22

More than 1,000 people returned to campus for Reunion 2003, including members from the Classes of 1958, 1963, 1968, 1973, 1978, 1983, 1988, 1993, and 1998, and their families and friends. Friday provided an opportunity to relive those college days as alumni returned for

exchanges with faculty at Alumni College (see page 54 for more information) during the day, and visits with fellow classmates at the class dinners in the evening. Saturday was filled with fun and surprises at the annual Ralph Norman

Barbecue, tours of the campus and Boston area, and an evening luau that had alumni dancing late into the night. After a period of remembrance at the Memorial Service, Reunion Weekend ended on a musical note at the Farewell Champagne Jazz Brunch on Sunday.

For a more detailed account of Reunion 2003, please visit the Reunion Website at: <http://alumni.brandeis.edu/web/reunions/2003/index.html>.







**Reunion 2004**  
**Class of 1954**  
**50th Reunion**  
 May 21-23, 2004

**Classes of**  
 1959, 1964, 1969,  
 1974, 1979, 1984,  
 1989, 1994, 1999  
 June 11-13

## Reunion Leadership Reception



Alumni Achievement Award recipient Osman Frank Logoglu '63, Ambassador of the Republic of Turkey to the United States



Alex Barkas '68 presents Reunion gift total to President Jehuda Reinharz and Nancy Winship, senior vice president for institutional advancement

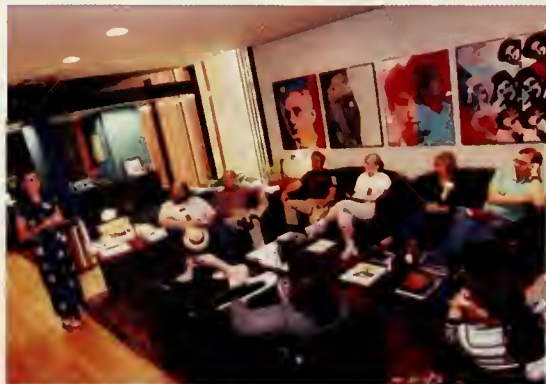


Alumni Achievement Award recipient Roderick MacKinnon '78

## Reunion 2003



Reunion Student Liaisons



Brandeis Admissions Overview



## Reunion Welcome Reception





## Ralph Norman Barbecue



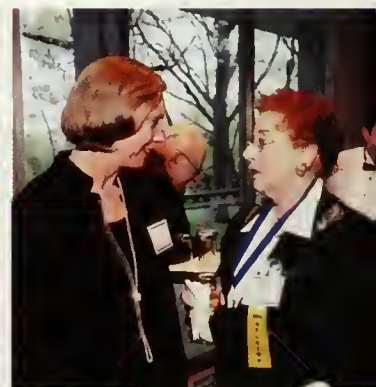


Reunion Gala Dinner





**Class of 1953  
50th Reunion  
May 16-18, 2003**



**Alumni College**



Arthur H. Reis, Jr., Associate Provost and  
Lecturer in Chemistry



Chad Bown, Assistant Professor of  
Economics, International Business School



Marya Levenson '64, the Harry S. Levitan  
Director of Teacher Education and  
Professor of the Practice of Education



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## '52

June Goldman, Class Correspondent, 15 Preston Beach Road, Marblehead, MA 01945 1952notes@alumni.brandeis.edu

## '53

Abraham Heller, Class Correspondent, 1400 Runnymede Road, Dayton, OH 45419 1953notes@alumni.brandeis.edu

**Renee Greenberg Pellman** writes, "After completing Brandeis, I completed my master's in psychology and had two children, David and Amy. I completed my Ph.D. in 1975 in clinical psychology and am in private practice and lecturing. I'm also a proud grandmother." **Carole Schwartz Kessner** received a grant in December 2002 from the Hadassah International Research Institute on Jewish Women at Brandeis University to write a biography of Marie Syrkin. These grants are awarded yearly on the basis of excellence.

consulted, and, judging by his list of published works, wrote a great deal. Want to know anything about Japanese ceramics? Richie's your man. He's currently a commissioner on the Fine Arts Advisory Board in West Hollywood, CA, and still manages to spend five weeks every year in Japan and Thailand. But if you're looking for him Saturday nights you'll probably find him in the city's sheriff's office, because Richie—lawyer, teacher, and expert in Asian art—has been appointed Volunteer Deputy Sheriff. Yes, he plans to attend next May's 50th Reunion.

## '55

Judith Paull Aronson, Class Correspondent, 838 N. Doheny Drive, #906, Los Angeles, CA 90069 1955notes@alumni.brandeis.edu

In 2005, our class will have a major Reunion. Let's use the next year to get up to date about our work, our friendships, our use of leisure time, our response to "retirement," and what we are looking forward to at this time of our lives. It's time to reconnect. Waiting to hear from all of you, Judy Aronson. Two international design organizations recently honored **Elaine Phillips Ostroff** for her work in universal design. The Association of Collegiate Schools of Architecture (ACSA) presented Elaine the 2003 ACSA Honorary Award at their annual meeting in Louisville, KY, on March 15, 2003. The citation noted that one of her greatest achievements was co-founding the Boston-based Adaptive Environments Center in 1978. Under her leadership the organization has become an international authority on accessibility and universal design. The Include Conference at the Royal College of Art in London presented Elaine with the 2003 Scientific Award on March 28, in appreciation of her leadership, personal dedication, and groundbreaking work in developing and promoting universal design in the United States and beyond.

## '54

**50th Reunion**  
**May 21-23, 2004**  
William Marsh, Class Correspondent, 1324 North Lynbrook Drive, Arlington, VA 22201 1954notes@alumni.brandeis.edu

**Richard Silverman** turned to fine art after graduating from Brandeis and the University of Michigan Law School. It was a combination of law and art that prompted Richie to spend 18 years in Asia, where he taught,

## '56

Leona Feldman Curhan, Class Correspondent, 366 River Road, Carlisle, MA 01741 1956notes@alumni.brandeis.edu

**Arthur and Sondra Shayevitz Bernard** have been traveling around the country giving seminars on how to solve problems and grow spiritually through dream work. The seminars are aimed at the mental health community. For the past year and a half they have been in every major U.S. city helping people understand what those mysterious nocturnal dramas and images mean. They have even met other Brandeis alumni in several of the seminars!

## '57

Wynne Wolkenberg Miller, Class Correspondent, 14 Larkspur Road, Waban, MA 02468 1957notes@alumni.brandeis.edu

Several of our classmates and I were back on campus in March for a well-planned Alumni Leadership Weekend. We were treated to remarks by a panel of current Students and found them as feisty, bright, and aware as ever! Writer, teacher, poet, healer, and activist **Deena Posy Metzger** is the author of *Entering The Ghost River: Meditations on the Theory and Practice of Healing* (Hand to Hand, 2003). She writes, "I was at Brandeis in 1954 and 1955. I was graduated from Brooklyn College in 1957, but still think Brandeis was the core of my education."

## '58

Judith Brecher Borakove, Class Correspondent, 10 East End Avenue, #2-F, New York, NY 10021 1958notes@alumni.brandeis.edu

**Richard Foxx** addressed the third annual Medical Spa Conference in Atlanta on April 13, 2003, on the topic of mind-body medicine in the context of a medical spa. Richard practices integrative medicine and gynecology at the **WellMax Center** in La Quinta, CA. A board-certified obstetrician and gynecologist, he is actively involved in work in sports medicine and preventative medicine. A frequent medical lecturer, Richard

is also a widely published medical writer. He is editor of the *Healing Doctor*, a monthly publication that covers complementary and alternative medicine issues. He is a member of the American College of Sports Medicine, the North American Menopause Society, and the American Academy of Anti-Aging Medicine. **Marilyn (Mindy) Horowitz Rau** writes, "After retiring from brokering at Merrill Lynch in New Jersey and selling houses for Coldwell Banker in the Poconos, I am back to teaching music. I teach at Pinecrest Preparatory School in Boca Raton, FL, and also teach private singing and piano lessons. I guess my major held up for me! The kids are really cute and give hugs. I'm also working with a new Repertory Theatre in West Palm Beach on Flagler."

## '59

**45th Reunion**  
**June 11-13, 2004**  
Sunny Sunshine Brownrout, Class Correspondent, B7 Old Hill Road, Westport, CT 06880 1959notes@alumni.brandeis.edu

## '60

Joan Silverman Wallack, Class Correspondent, 28 Linden Shores, #28, Branford, CT 06405 1960notes@alumni.brandeis.edu

**Galia (Green) Golan-Gild** is retired from the Hebrew University of Jerusalem after 35 years. She is now teaching government at the Interdisciplinary Center. She is still active in Peace Now, Bat Shalom, and feminist organizations.

## '61

Judith Leavitt Schatz, Class Correspondent, 139 Cumberland Road, Leominster, MA 01453 1961notes@alumni.brandeis.edu

**Neil Friedman** is the author of *Kindred Spirits: Essays in Race, Politics, and Psychology* (Xlibris Press, 2003). On April 15, 2003, New York City Mayor Michael Bloomberg appointed **Martin Zelnik** to the city's Rent Guidelines Board as a public member.

## '62

Ann Leder Sharon, Class Correspondent, 13890 Ravenwood Drive, Saratoga, CA 95070 1962notes@alumni.brandeis.edu

**Jane Cohn Waldbaum** was elected president of the Archaeological Institute of America in January 2003. She retired from her post as professor of art history at the University of Wisconsin-Milwaukee in July 2002 and is currently adjunct professor in the department of anthropology.

## '63

Miriam Osler Hyman, Class Correspondent, 140 East 72nd Street, #16B, New York, NY 10021 1963notes@alumni.brandeis.edu

**Steven P. Cohen** writes, "I continue to work as an executive coach and president of The Negotiation Skills Company, Inc., with clients from a broad range of business sectors around the world. My book, *Negotiation Skills for Managers* (McGraw-Hill, 2002) is available in Spanish, Russian, and Chinese. My wife, Andrea F. MacLeod, and I have two great daughters, Julia and Abigail."

## '64

**40th Reunion**  
**June 11-13, 2004**  
Shelly A. Wolf, Class Correspondent, 113 Naudain Street, Philadelphia, PA 19147 1964notes@alumni.brandeis.edu

The Association of Jewish Libraries presented **Judie Robbins Groner**, cofounder of Kar-Ben Books, with the Sidney Taylor Body of Work Award for outstanding contributions to the field of Jewish children's literature. **Sharon Korson Kirschenblat** writes, "After 32 years in Toronto I moved to a 40-acre farm just outside of Moncton, New Brunswick, with my significant other. We have a 100-year-old farmhouse to renovate and fortunately he has been in the construction business for 25 years. I plan to be retired for a while and grow vegetables until I decide what to do with the next part of my life. All three of my grown children think I am a little bit crazy, but the country life and nearby seashore beckon. I will try



Richie Silverman '54

# Births and Adoptions

Class	Brandeis Parent(s)	Child's Name	Date
1978	Jeffrey P. Polekoff	Sy David	March 6, 2003
1983	Michael Schwartz	Danielle Alexa	October 10, 2002
1984	Douglas Monasebian	David Michael	March 11, 2003
1985	Karen Beth Wasserman	Henry Micah	September 26, 2001
1986	Richard Klein	Jessica Leah	February 11, 2003
	Jennifer Rosenberg	Samuel Todd	April 6, 2003
1987	Kevin Malhisson	Rachel	July 22, 2002
1988	Neil Bromberg	Samuel Beck	July 1, 2002
	Erica Brunwasser Thompson	Lolita Layla	January 13, 2003
	Cindy Kalb Golub and Jonathan Golub '85	Jeremy Bernard	September 7, 2001
1989	Colette Resnik Steel	Alisa Erin	January 22, 2002
	Michael Freeman	Samuel Jacob	April 4, 2002
	Michelle Long Waybright	George Cooper and Kate Lynne	December 6, 2002
	Sheri Padernacht	Julie Hannah	January 30, 2003
	Jenniter Sessler	Sylvia Ann and Sara Judith	October 20, 2002
	Steven Simons	Kevin Samuel and Scott Mitchel	April 2, 2002
	Jennifer Steinhaus Goldstein	Lila Paige	June 29, 2002
1990	Benedicte M.B. Berg and Jeremy E. Deusch	Alexander Dlaf	February 23, 2003
	Lisa Karshen Solomon and Mark Solomon '80	Max Jacob	October 13, 2002
	Charlee Leimberg Sterling	Zoe Ann	December 18, 1997
	Judy Libhaber Weber and Aaron Weber	Aaron Eric	December 10, 2002
	Jill Taylor Riedman	Faith Jessica	February 19, 2003
1991	Susan Braun Jurkevich	Matthew Alexander	September 20, 2002
	Wayne E. Cousin	Kayla Rose	December 18, 2002
	David Fine	Emily Ana	September 21, 2001
	Susan Goren Levine	Jonathan Alexander	March 15, 2003
	Arielle Kahn Wallen	Amiel Yehudah	December 29, 2002
	Paul Ranis	Nate Alexander	February 7, 2003
	Rachel Remler	Jared Dylan	June 18, 2002
1992	Rachel Blum	Flora	August 28, 2002
	Mark Covitz	Simon Ravett Rands	January 6, 2003
	Lisa Feldman Ries	Kiran Blum Sharma	September 3, 2002
	Lorraine Jablowsky Feldman and Joseph I. Feldman '93	Emma Rose	October 24, 2002
	Bruce B. Field	Ethan Garrett	August 20, 2002
	Jennifer Kahn and Mark Raizin	Emma Bess and Samuel Jacob	October 6, 2002
	Sara Meyers Sadinoff	Lydia Allison	January 11, 2003
	Amy Rubman	Michael Everett	June 28, 2002
	Rachel Stern Davis	Orlee Daisy	November 6, 2002
	Kelly Lynn Tripp Arce	Joshua Aaron Siegel	April 7, 2002
	Rebecca Tuchinsky Morris	Abigail Rose and Grace Isabel	September 27, 2002
1993	Gina Ehrlich Gonchar and Mark Gonchar	Noah Ariel	December 18, 2001
	Elana Rivel	Arielle Hope	May 5, 2002
	Kira Thaler and Stephen Marbit	Ella Naomi	February 14, 2003
	Jennifer Wilen Tobin and Scott Tobin '92	Zoe Rivel Halperin	May 7, 2002
1994	Michael G. Kalish	Evan Paris	January 29, 2002
	Michele Parish Staub and Brian Staub '95	Avraham Gavriel	December 18, 2002
	David Rubin-Baker	Lindsey Ariel	February 28, 2003
1995	Rachel Frankel Greenfield and Richard Greenfield	Samantha Morgan	December 20, 2002
	Joe Landes	Emet Kol	November 5, 2002
	Lori Gannon Prettyman	Isaiah Kai	September 9, 2000
	Melissa Heller	Micaela Emma	May 12, 2003
	Norah Mazar	Michal and Tzvi	October 20, 2002
1996	Eda Begelman Greenbaum	George Stephen	December 19, 2002
	Aryn Grossman Froum and Ted Froum '94	Sandler Reid Douglas	November 8, 2001
1998	Dawn Fancy Kociubes and Adam Kociubes '99	Nadav	September 1, 2001
	Alison B. Hoffmann and Avi Kamrat '97	Senai	June 6, 2000
	Abigail Siegel Schochet and Elie Schochet '97	Mira Elana	January 10, 2003
		Gabrielle Hannah	April 12, 2003
		Emily Ruth	January 29, 2003
		Zoe Shaina	March 14, 2003
		Meir Eliyahu	January 6, 2003

to get to our 40th Reunion in 2004." **Bob Levin** writes, "My book, *The Pirates and the Mouse, Disney's War Against the Underground*, was published by Fanatagraphics in May 2003."

## '65

Joan Furber Kalafatas, Class Correspondent, 3 Brandywyne, Wayland, MA, 01778 1965notes@alumni.brandeis.edu

**Marilyn Shuffman Fausti** formed a new law partnership in March 2002. She concentrates on matrimonial and family law in New York, Westchester, Rockland, and Putnam

## '66

Kenneth E. Davis, Class Correspondent, 28 Mary Chilton Road, Needham, MA 02492 1966notes@alumni.brandeis.edu

**Robert M. Salron**, a partner in Bingham McCutchen's New York office, was among 175 attorneys in the United States selected to *The 2003 Guide to the World's Leading Real Estate Lawyers*, published by Euromoney Legal Media Group. Robert has more than 30 years of experience in a broad range of commercial real estate matters and has represented lenders, developers, owners, and investors throughout the United States and in several foreign countries. He represents prominent U.S. and international developers, owners, and investors, in all types of real estate holdings, including office and apartment buildings, shopping centers, hotels, resorts, industrial, warehouse, and other commercial projects.

## '67

Anne Reilly Hort, Class Correspondent, 10 Old Jackson Avenue, #21, Hastings-on-Hudson, NY 10706 1967notes@alumni.brandeis.edu

**Barry Daniels** writes, "I'd like to announce the publication in May 2003 of my book, *Le décor de theatre à l'époque romantique: Décors de la Comédie-Française, 1799-1848*, by the Bibliothèque nationale de France. I'm retired and now split my time between New York and Paris."

## '68

David Greenwald, Class Correspondent, 3655 Aquetong Road, Carversville, PA 18913 1968notes@alumni.brandeis.edu

**Ron Kronish** gave a paper on Jewish texts for peace at the conference of the Pontifical Council for Interreligious Dialogue at the Vatican, January 16-18, 2003. Ron serves as the director of the Interreligious Coordinating Council in Israel and has lived in Jerusalem since 1979 with his wife, Amy, and their three daughters.

## '69

**35th Reunion June 11-13, 2004**  
Phoebe Epstein, Class Correspondent, 205 West 89th Street, #10-S, New York, NY 10024 1969notes@alumni.brandeis.edu

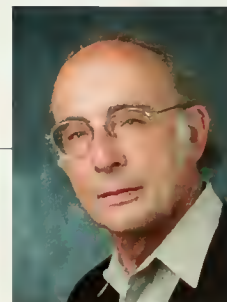
## '70

Charles S. Eisenberg, Class Correspondent, 4 Ashford Road, Newton Center, MA 02459 1970notes@alumni.brandeis.edu

## '71

c/o Class of 1971, Brandeis University, MS 124, P.O. Box 549110, Waltham, MA 02454-9110 1971notes@alumni.brandeis.edu

**David Epstein** writes, "In addition to my consultancy, I am now teaching a course in fundraising at the Hebrew University School of Social Work. I have remarried to Aliza Maer. We have a 3-year-old daughter, so I've started again with diapers and kindergarten activities!" **Howard Fingert** was appointed senior director and therapeutic area safety head for oncology in the Department of Clinical Safety and Risk Management, Worldwide Regulatory Affairs, Pfizer Global Research and Development.



Jeffrey Robinson '72

## '72

Dan Garfinkel, Class Correspondent, 2420 Kings Lane, Pittsburgh, PA 15241 1972notes@alumni.brandeis.edu

**Barbara Freedman Wand** is a partner in the estate-planning group of Bingham McCutchen in Boston. She concentrates her practice in sophisticated estate planning and personal wealth management. **Ted Gup** has received a fellowship to the Shorenstein Center on the Press, Politics, and Public Policy at Harvard's Kennedy School of Government for the fall of 2003. At Harvard, Ted will be examining how the press covers the CIA. He has also received a Guggenheim Fellowship for 2004-05 and will spend the next two years working on a book. He will be on leave from Case Western Reserve University where he teaches journalism and nonfiction writing. While in Cambridge he would love to hear from classmates. Email tedgup@att.net. **Gary M. Hyman** joined the Baltimore office of Dber/Kaler as a principal in the business and tax department. Gary's practice focuses on business and tax matters, including state, multistate, and federal issues. University of Colorado at Boulder English Professor **Jeffrey Robinson** has won the university's highest teaching and research honor, the Hazel Barnes Prize, for his work in the area of romantic literature and poetics. Earlier this year, Jeffrey won a National Endowment for the Humanities senior fellowship. He will take a year off from teaching courses at CU-Boulder to work on a new book, *Poetics of the Fancy: A Counter-Romanticism*. The book examines how Romantic poets thought about the nature of poetry and whether there were competing views. "That's my main project. I've published





Betsy Saranson Pfau '74, Roberta Zimmerman '74, Pam Sacks Weil '74, Laurie Slater Albert '74, Darlene Green Kamine '74, and Chuck Kamine '74



David Bloomfield '74

several books of poems about romanticism and I'm working on more poetry," he said, citing a project for next year on Wordsworth "that is part poetry and part diary." Robinson plans to use the money from the Hazel Barnes Prize to make some research trips, buy books, and write and ponder the literary questions that have defined his distinguished career. He's published 13 books, won a Guggenheim fellowship and four CU-Boulder faculty fellowships, in addition to his Hazel Barnes Prize.

## '73

Janet Besso Becker, Class Correspondent, 1556 Old Orchard Street, West Harrison, NY 10504 1973notes@alumni.brandeis.edu

**Bruce Lagay** was named dean of the College of Human Services and Health Professions at Syracuse University in March 2003. Bruce is recognized for his research on the measurement of work and competency in social work, evaluation approaches and methods, and program evaluations in the areas of juvenile justice, mental health, and family life. He went to Syracuse in 1998 to become associate dean of the School of Social Work, and later served as the school's interim dean. When the school became part of the College of Human Services and Health Professions in July 2001, Bruce was named director. **Michael Rubin** was named one of 26 California Lawyers of the Year 2002 by *California Lawyer Magazine* for his international human rights work on behalf of 30,000 Chinese and Bangladeshi sweatshop workers on the Western Pacific island of Saipan.

## '74

30th Reunion  
June 11-13, 2004

Susan Goldberg Benjamin, Class Correspondent, Ten Train Band Road, Bedford, NY, 10506 1974notes@alumni.brandeis.edu

Several of our classmates gathered on campus in mid-March for the Alumni Leadership Weekend. The biggest laugh was when **Laurie Slater Albert, Darlene Green Kamine, Betsy Sarason Pfau, and Pam Sacks Weil** (all on the short side) were talking in the Rose Art Museum. **Elida Kamine '03** came up to them and asked if there had been a height quota when we entered Brandeis in 1970! **Pam Sacks Weil** and her husband, Peter, live in Newton, MA, and have three children (including 12-year-old twins). Pam's a Jewish educator directing the religious school at Temple Beth David in Westwood. She told me that the start of her renewed Jewish identity occurred when she was at Brandeis. Pam majored in theater at Brandeis, and then taught for a couple of years. She and her husband lived in San Francisco for 10 years, where she worked at the JCC, a logical place to blend her interests in drama and teaching. While in San Francisco, Pam was the director of youth activities at the JCC and received her master's degree in creative arts education. Pam credits our classmate, **Joan Smith Clemens**, who was a principal of a religious school in Newton, for getting her into Jewish education. Joan encouraged Pam to apply for the Westwood job, and it was a perfect fit. Pam says, "Jewish education is my passion. It's what I'm all about." She's been a board member of JCC for many years and is proud to say that her private, professional, and volunteer lives have all merged. **Roberta Levi Zimmerman** also attended the Alumni Leadership Conference and has a son who graduated with the

Class of 2001. She and her husband have two other children in college now. Roberta, who is originally from Portland, ME, returned there in the mid 1970s after attending Lesley College for a year. She works for World Book Inc. as a school library specialist, responsible for Maine, New Hampshire, and part of Massachusetts. Roberta's real passion outside of work, however, is community theatre, and she told me she was in her first play at the age of 8. That theater is about to celebrate its 50th anniversary, and when I called Roberta, she was in the midst of fundraising for it. Not only does she act on stage, she is also a producer, and recently coproduced *A Chorus Line* and *West Side Story*. Sometimes people transfer out of a college for reasons other than dislike of the school! **Caroline (Carolyn) Leavitt** is one of those people. She grew up in Waltham, came to Brandeis in 1970, but wanted desperately to get out of town, so she left us after two years. She recently wrote me, and we've become good friends rather quickly! I wish she hadn't left when she did, but she went on to become the author of seven novels: *Coming Back To Me* (which I've read—excellent fiction coming out in paperback this September), *Living Other Lives*, *Into Thin Air*, *Family*, *Jealousies*, *Lifelines*, and *Meeting Rozzy Halfway*. Various titles were optioned for film and condensed in magazines. Her essays and articles have appeared in *Salon*, *Parenting*, *Parents*, *McCall's*, *Redbook*, *More*, *Mademoiselle*, *The Boston Globe*, and *New Woman*, as well in the anthologies *Father*, *Forever Sisters*, *A*

*Few Thousand Words About Love*, and *The Most Wonderful Books*. Check out her Website: [www.carolineleavitt.com](http://www.carolineleavitt.com). Caroline won first prize in *Redbook* magazine's young writers contest for her short story, "Meeting Rozzy Halfway," which grew into the novel. The recipient of a 1990 New York Foundation of the Arts Award for Fiction for *Into Thin Air*, she was also a judge for the 1990 fiction competition for the Writers' Voice Awards in New York City. She teaches "Writing The Novel" online for UCLA Extension Program and writes a monthly column on books for "The Reading Life" in *The Boston Globe* Sunday book section. Caroline lives in Hoboken, NJ, with her husband, writer Jeff Tamarkin, and their 6-year-old son, Max. When last contacted, she was frantically proofreading her eighth novel, *Girls In Trouble*, which will be the book club selection for *Working Women* magazine and *Chapter A Day*! **David Bloomfield**, professor of educational administration at Brooklyn College, CUNY, specializes in education law, school district management and technology, school reform, and legislative matters. A licensed teacher, principal, and superintendent, Dave was previously on the faculty of Teachers College, Columbia University. He coauthored "Balancing Autonomy and Control in the New York City Public Schools" in *A Race Against Time: The Crisis in Urban Schooling* (2003). He also published *Strengthening Schools through Bylaws* (2002). His featured address, "What Happens if Schools Fail to Achieve 'Adequate Yearly Progress'?" was presented at a conference on the No Child Left Behind Act at Princeton University in January 2003. Dave was recently named

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Paul Perlin '74, Sue Goldberg  
Benjamin '74, Michael Wien '74

to Who's Who in America, Who's Who in American Education, Who's Who in American Law, and Who's Who in the World (2002, 2003) and was designated a "Distinguished Educator" by the New York State Education Department's Office of Education Improvement Services. Formerly general counsel to the New York City Board of Education, Dave also served as general counsel/senior education advisor to the Manhattan Borough president and as executive director for public education programs at the New York City Partnership. He is the author of groundbreaking charter school, parent rights, and school governance legislation. New York Newsday called his "Children's First" school reform plan "the single most substantial improvement in the governance of this city in decades." He is the author of numerous articles on school law, strategic planning and management, school improvement, technology, and finance and is a frequent commentator on education policy issues in print and electronic media. Earlier in his career, he was an elementary and secondary school teacher and faculty chair, earning an African-American Institute Fellowship for his work in curriculum development. Dave served as law clerk to Honorable Robert L. Carter, U.S. District Judge (S.D.N.Y.) and was a litigator at the Washington law firm of Hogan & Hartson and at the New York City Law Department. Dave received his law degree from Columbia University, where he was a Harlan Fiske Stone Scholar and received the first Paul Robeson Prize for Minority Legal Studies. He also holds a master's in public affairs from Princeton University, where he was a Princeton University Fellow

**Paul Perlin, Michael Wien** and I spent some hectic time together recently at the bar mitzvah of the son of Paul and **Julie Salzberg Perlin '76** (they also have a beautiful daughter, 15). Paul runs Winfield Capital, an SBIC in White Plains, NY, which provides venture capital as well as management expertise to small-and medium-sized businesses nationwide. Julie is currently selling residential real estate in New York City. Michael Wien earned his law degree at Columbia University in 1978 and is a partner with Sonnenschein, Nath & Rosenthal in NYC. He represents clients, including real estate developers and owners and domestic and foreign financial institutions, in connection with commercial leasing, mortgage lending, acquisitions and sales, development and construction matters. Michael's wife is Miriam Shire (an Assistant D.A. in New York City) and they have two lovely elementary school-age daughters. Correction from last column: **Rosina Rubin '76**, not Ralph Norman, took the naked-behind-the-trees photo in our yearbook, which was mentioned in my last column. Thanks for pointing that out, Rosina!

## '75

**Barbara Alpert**, Class Correspondent, 272 First Avenue, #4G, New York, NY 10009 1975notes@alumni.brandeis.edu

**David Glasser** was awarded his second Grammy award this year for his audio restoration and mastering work on *Screamin' & Hollerin' the Blues: The Worlds of Charley Patton*, on Revenant Records. David is the owner of Arshow Mastering, an audio services company in Boulder, CO. **Steve Kaplan** has been living in Israel for 25 years. In 2002 he was the assistant dean of the faculty of the humanities at Hebrew University. As of October 2002 he is provost



Caroline Leavitt '74

of the university's Rothberg International School, which he attended as a junior in 1973-74. **David Markell** moved to Tallahassee, FL, in August 2002 to join the Florida State Law School faculty as the **Steven M. Goldstein** Professor (who was graduated from Brandeis in 1967). David and his wife, Mona, have three daughters, ages 10, 8, and 6.

## '76

**Beth Pearlman**, Class Correspondent, 1773 Diane Road, Mendota Heights, MN 55118 1976notes@alumni.brandeis.edu

Dear fellow '76-ers. I hope you are finding this summertime livin' easy and fun. If you need an excuse to visit campus, Fall Fest (Homecoming/Family Weekend) is October 24-26. It's a great way to show off Brandeis to your kids who may be thinking of where to apply for college. Let us know if your child will follow in your footsteps by attending Brandeis, and keep sending in other class notes.



Gary Jones '77

## '77

**Fred Berg**, Class Correspondent, 150 East 83rd Street, #2C, New York, NY 10028 1977notes@alumni.brandeis.edu

**Gary D. Jones** is counsel in the Hartford, CT, office of Edwards & Angell, LLP, a 300-attorney national law firm focusing on financial services, private equity, and technology. Gary is active in his community and is a national commissioner and the immediate past chair of the Connecticut Region of the Anti-Defamation League; the former chair and member of the executive committee of Hebrew Health Care, Inc., and a member of the board of directors of the West Hartford Chamber of Commerce. **David Orenlicher** was elected by 37 votes to the Indiana House of Representatives in November 2002, a margin that was confirmed five weeks later after a recount. His victory over an incumbent ensured that the Democratic Party retained its majority in the House, at 51-49. Now in his first term in the General Assembly, David sits on the Ways and Means Committee, is vice chair of the Public Health Committee, and also serves on the Education and the Technology, Research, and Development Committees. Indiana has a part-time legislature, so David continues on the faculties of the Indiana University Schools of Law and Medicine. Recent articles include "Conflicts of Interest and the Constitution," 59 *Washington & Lee Law Review* 713 (2002), and "Universality and its Limits: When Research Ethics Can Reflect Local Circumstances," 30 *Journal of Law, Medicine & Ethics* 403 (2002).

## '78

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## '79

**25th Reunion**  
**June 11-13, 2004**

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Amy Kaufman curated the exhibition *Ruth Cobb: A Retrospective* at the Women's Studies Research Center at Brandeis University, February 9-April 15, 2003. **Jeremy Silverfine** writes, "I joined the Boston law firm of Brody, Hardoon, Perkins & Kesten after 15 years as a public servant (i.e. prosecutor)."

## '80

Lewis Brooks, Class Correspondent, 585 Glen Meadow Road, Richboro, PA 18954 1980notes.alumni.brandeis.edu

**Richard Rosen** writes, "On March 1, 2003, **Cheryl Erlich Rosen '81** and I celebrated our youngest son's bar mitzvah at Temple Israel Center of White Plains. What made it truly special was the presence of 19 Brandeis alumni. Including my wife and I, they were **Bill Gorin**, **Tom Polton**, **Steve Schiffman**, **Danny Berger**, **Evan Berson**, **Fred Miller**, **Asher Galtney**, **Alan Katz**, **Susan Katz Truwit '81**, **Cherry Geller Liebmann '81**, **Sherry Buchwald Pollack**, **Elisa Fishbein Greenbaum**, **Rhonda Erlich Fried '78**, **Ron Fried '78**, **Fred Erlich '76**, **Jill Fisher '75**, and **Sabrina Galtney '83**." **Mark Solomon** lives in Ardsley, NY, with his wife, **Lisa Karshen Solomon '90**, and their children, **Zoe** and **Max**.

## '81

David J. Allon, Class Correspondent, 540 Weadley Road, Wayne, PA 19087 1981notes@alumni.brandeis.edu

Twenty-six years ago, as freshmen at Brandeis, we were subject to the blizzard of 1978. Classes were canceled because professors couldn't come to campus as Route 128 was closed for three or four days. As class correspondent, it's my humble duty to

remind everyone of those memorable days. There is lots of interesting news about your classmates.

**Stuart Rose** is now working for Legal Seafood Corp., and living in Brookline with wife, Jan. **Karen Palmer** has been living in Arlington, VA, and working at Resources for the Future, a Washington, D.C.

"think tank" that specializes in environmental and natural resource policy issues for 14 years. (www.rff.org). **Karen** writes that her husband, **Philip Twomey**, recently added a new two-story addition to their house to accommodate two growing children (**Josie**, 8 and **Thomas**, 4). **Karen** continues to enjoy her work on the economics of air pollution control, limiting greenhouse gas emissions, and reducing solid waste. She and her Brandeis roommate, **Lisa Berman**, had a great road trip (sans spouses and children) from Virginia up to New Jersey for **Eric Wankoff's** bar mitzvah (**Eric** is the son of **Barbara Cohen Wankoff** and **David Wankoff**) in March of 2003. **Stuart Chanan** is an assistant U.S. attorney in Chicago, where he prosecutes criminal cases of all types. He and his wife, **Julie**, (also a lawyer) live in Evanston, with **Elliot** (9) and **Emma** (6). When the family is not at soccer, baseball, dance, chess, violin, or YGuites, they enjoy traveling. **Loretta Ost Arthur** writes, "We live only about 10 miles from Brandeis in Lincoln, MA, with our three children, **Claire** (11), **Sam** (9), and **Ian** (7). My husband and I continue to run an architecture firm in Boston called **DW Arthur Associates Architects**. We have recently completed projects for a child-care facility for 425 children for **Abbott Labs** near Chicago and a 7,000-square-foot home in Nantucket." **Daniel Elkaim** is an executive with **RBC Capital**, and recently completed four years of service on the Brandeis University Board of Trustees as an Alumni Term Trustee. He now serves as chair of the Alumni Campaign Committee. **Elizabeth Jick** was nominated to vice president of the Brandeis University Alumni Association. Thanks to **Dan** and **Elizabeth**, Brandeis continues to attract great students and have effective alumni connections. **Andy L. Jagoda** writes, "Following graduation from Brandeis, I attended Harvard Law School, where I met my wife, **Deborah**, during a protest against the PLO. Following graduation we practiced in New York City. During the savings and loan

crisis of the early 1990s, I worked as a counsel to the Resolution Trust Corporation in Washington, D.C. I am currently a partner with **Squire, Sanders & Demsey LLP**. I have also been active in our synagogue, **Greenburgh Hebrew Center** in Westchester County. I have just completed my fifth year as officer of the synagogue, the last two as president. **Deborah** and I have two fabulous daughters, **Naomi** (13) and **Evelyn** (10). We reside in the Edgemont portion of the Town of Greenburgh." **Jean Cullinane** writes, "I have recently accomplished 43 years of being single; just try and stop me now! I am playing **Oscar Wilde** at the Performing Arts Center in Anchorage, the role of a lifetime. I am also working as a drama therapist." **Cheryl Erlich Rosen** and her husband, **Richard '80**, celebrated the bar mitzvah of her youngest son (see Class of '81 Notes). And as for me, **David Allon**, I work as an investment advisor specializing in wealth management & investments in Israel. In my spare time I am active on the Executive Board of **Dr Shalom Synagogue** in Berwyn, PA, and on the board of directors of the American-Israel Chamber of Commerce (mid-Atlantic states). My wife **Andrea**, whom I met at **Columbia Business School**, my boys **Sam** (9) and **Zach** (3), and I live in Wayne, PA.

## '82

**Ellen Cohen**, Class Correspondent, 1007 Euclid Street, #3, Santa Monica, CA 90403 1982notes.alumni.brandeis.edu

**Francisca Araiza-Kasama** and her husband, **Jim**, have a 5-year-old daughter, **Mina**. **Micah R. Krohn** is training to run this year's Chicago Marathon in October to support the AIDS Foundation of Chicago and is looking for sponsors. He would truly appreciate our support in the lives of people suffering from AIDS. If you

would like to help, go to [www.aidsmarathon.com](http://www.aidsmarathon.com), click on "sponsor a runner," select the Chicago site and enter **Micah's** participant number: 0224. He sends his thanks! After many years as a hospital administrator, **Teta Maria Moebs** has relocated to Seoul, South Korea, where she has embarked on a new career as a foreign service officer at the U.S. Embassy in Seoul. Her husband, **Bill**, is a business development director for **Interpharma AG** and her daughter is a second grader at the German International School. **Alexa Shabecoff** was promoted to assistant dean for public interest advising at Harvard Law School. She writes, "My husband, **Roger Bertling**, also works for Harvard Law School and our kids, **Adam** (12) and **Sophie** (8) have more active social lives than we do. We still live only minutes away from Brandeis in West Newton, so we spend lots of time in vastly changed Waltham." **Ellen Cohen** has joined **Sony Pictures Television** as a vice president in business affairs.

## '83

**Lori Berman Gans**, Class Correspondent, 46 Oak Vale Road, Newton, MA 02468 1983notes@alumni.brandeis.edu

Now that our 20th is behind us, does that mean we are "approaching our 25th Reunion"?! For those of you who were there, I am sure you'll agree it was great to see classmates and to reconnect to Brandeis. For those who missed the weekend, you don't have to wait for the 25th to reconnect...use Class Notes! Nearly every class note that does come in ends with "and I'd love to hear from my fellow classmates," and nearly every Reunion conversation included "I wish we didn't always have to wait five years!" C'mon, write in...let us know what's up! **Susan Zinder** reports in that she is the general counsel of New York University Downtown Hospital. The hospital is a community hospital in lower Manhattan that experienced the brunt of the 9/11 tragedies as it is in walking distance to the Trade Center site. She'd love to hear from classmates!

## '84

**20th Reunion**  
**June 11-13, 2004**

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**Martin Alintuck '84**

**Martin Alintuck** was appointed managing director, China, for **Edelman Worldwide**, the largest independent public relations firm in the world. He is based in Beijing. **Bruce Hurwitz** is of counsel (business/tax) at **McDonough, Holland & Allen's** Sacramento office. He focuses on securities law and corporate finance matters, with extensive expertise in structured and corporate finance transactions, as well as securities issuance and compliance.

## '85

**James R. Felton**, Class Correspondent, 26956 Helmond Drive, Calabasas, CA 91301 1985notes@alumni.brandeis.edu

**Ellen Baker Weiss** is the marketing director of the Children's Heart Foundation in Florida, a nonprofit organization that supports research toward discovering the causes and improving the methods of diagnosing, treating, and preventing congenital heart defects. She lives in the Tampa area with her husband, **L. Michael Weiss**, a gastroenterologist, and their daughters, **Lindsey**, **Danielle**, and **Paige**. **Karen Carmel** has a real estate business in Southeast Florida and is raising her son, **Benjamin Jacob**. **Carolyn Elefant** has her own law office in Washington, D.C., focusing on energy regulation, renewable resource development, and appellate and civil litigation in state and federal courts in New York, Washington, D.C., and Maryland. Her law firm was featured in an article in the *Washington Legal Times* on regulatory boutique

law firms. She is also the founder and president of **MyShingle.com**, a Website and resource for solo and small law practices. She resides in Bethesda, MD, with her husband, **Bruce**, and daughters, **Elana Joy** and **Mira Justine**. **David Katz** was featured in *Board Member* magazine as one of the top lawyers in the country under 40. *The American Lawyer* also recognized him as one of the Rising Stars of the Private Bar under 45. **David** works for **Wachtell, Lipton, Rosen & Katz** in New York, NY. **Debra Radlauer Pollack** writes, "I was married to **Larry Pollack** on May 26, 2002, on Cape Cod, MA. We were thrilled to have the following wonderful friends and cousins from Brandeis University join us on our special day: **Jeff Sieger '84**, **Lester Greenman '78**, **Edward Evantash '84**, **Charlie '84** and **Sharon Josephs Sherett**, **Helayna Minsk**, **Martin** and **Heidi Smith Hyde '84**, **Noah Kroloff '84**, and **Carole Rosenshein '54**. **Larry** and I reside in New York city and Long Island."

## '86

**Beth Jacobowitz Zive**, Class Correspondent, 16 Furlong Drive, Cherry Hill, NJ 08003 1986notes@alumni.brandeis.edu

In December 2002 **Leslie Sara Hyman** was elected shareholder at her law firm, **Cox & Smith Incorporated**, in San Antonio, TX. Her practice is in commercial litigation with an emphasis on antitrust and securities law and appeals. **Jennifer Post** writes, "I have relocated to Southern California where I am practicing law, writing, and exploring other creative endeavors. I would love to hear from other alumni in the Southern California/Los Angeles area." **David Spiler** joined the management team of **MyFinancialAdvice, LLC (MFA)** as executive vice president of business development. MFA is a new organization focused on providing affordable, fee-only financial advisory services from independent, certified financial professionals to middle class consumers. **David** is also the president of the Alumni Club of Northern New Jersey.



# Marriages and Unions

Class	Name	Date
1979	Amy Kaufman to Theodore Selame	June 2, 2002
1984	Arnold Savenor and Caron Lipsky	October 6, 2002
1985	Debra Radlauer and Larry Pollack	May 26, 2002
1991	Serena Ehrlich and Jeff Fischer	December 31, 2002
	Leslie Stein and Lee Lloyd	November 11, 2000
1992	Rachel Blum and Pankaj Sharma	September 2, 1999
	Andrew Ceisler and Lauren Schwartz	October 7, 2001
	Ayala Cohen and John Podhoretz	October 13, 2002
	Anna Teitelbaum and Gordon Kaye	November 9, 2002
1993	Beth Ann Collier and Curtis Lee Groves	March 29, 2003
	Miriam Weiner and Gregg Bellows	November 23, 2002
1994	Alec Decherney and Sharon Chang	March 15, 2003
	Anat Hampel and William	November 9, 2002
	Shanna Schwartz and Robert Angert '93	July 4, 2002
	Lauren Kim Tran and Anil Bahadursingh	June 15, 2002
1995	Matthew Klingsberg and Stephanie Alpert	November 23, 2002
	Jennifer Silver and Andrew Madison	September 30, 2001
1996	Rachel Blankstein and Matthew Breman '91	August 12, 2001
1997	Jami Bleichman and Avi Ionascu	June 3, 2001
	Jennifer Kravitz and Lawrence Fliegelman	April 13, 2003
	Romina Tenenbaum and Lance Alstodt	December 14, 2002
1998	Jill Farbman and Guri Bronner	August 25, 2002
1999	Elissa Hoffman and Ranen Schechner	August 10, 2002
	Samantha Inzelbuch and Gabriel Migdal	August 10, 2002
	Kathryn A. Messenger and David J. Cyr	June 28, 2002
2000	Lori Buchheim and David Adversario	March 8, 2003
	Andrea Nicole Dugger and	October 26, 2002
	Nicholas J. De Van	
	Monica Goldberg and Joshua Shedroff	March 22, 2002
	Emily Mara Kargauer and Adam Samansky	August 18, 2002
	Cynthia Marie Montalvo and	July 28, 2002
	Jeremy Aaron Gilbert '98	
	Cori Ann Robinson and Gavriel Bellino '99	July 22, 2002
	Valerie Hirschhorn, M.A. '98, and	October 26, 2002
Grad	Jason Frank	
	Shira Kandel, M.A. '98, and	
	Alan Leeds	December 7, 2002



Julie Blasbalg Manilow '95,  
Laura Pollack Green '95,  
Stephanie Amin-Giwner '95, and  
Elizabeth Wynn Smith '95



Julie Katzen '94, Kimberlee Tarr  
Shumacher '94, Lauren Tran '94  
and Deborah Schechter Hugel '94



Wedding of Serena Ehrlich '91 and  
Jeff Fischer



Monica Goldberg '00 and Joshua  
Shedroff '00

## '87

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Chris Becke was graduated from the University of Denver teacher education program at the end of May 2003 and will enter the classroom full-time this fall. Chris begins his first year of teaching at Heritage High School in Littleton, CO, where he will be teaching five sections of ninth grade science, hoping for the opportunity to teach some sections of physics in future years!

## '88

Karen Rubenstein Wyle, 1 Devonshire Place, #2919, Boston, MA 02109 1988notes@alumni.brandeis.edu

Lori Brown Hulak writes, "Greetings to the Class of '88 from Bermuda. I've moved with my husband and two girls to Bermuda and if any alumni come to the island please feel free to call and join me for a rum swizzle. I'd love to hear from old friends (lhulak@yahoo.com)."

Jackie Miller Menter is assistant director of the Orange County chapter of the American Jewish Committee. Jackie and her husband, Scott Menter '85, live in Southern California with their two children, Aviel (8) and Shira (6).

## '89

15th Reunion  
June 11-13, 2004  
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The countdown to Reunion weekend begins! Mark June 11-13, 2004, on your calendar and let's

start sharing more good news before the big event Currently a professor of cyberlaw, Jonathan Ezor was named director of the New Institute for Business, Law, and Technology (IBLT) at Touro Law Center in Huntington, NY. The IBLT offers legal programs and resources to Long Island students and professionals. David Feldbaum was appointed chief of vascular surgery at Memorial Regional Hospital in Ft. Lauderdale, FL. He has been instrumental in developing a nationally recognized vascular/endovascular surgery program in South Florida and teaches his techniques across the United States and South America. David lives in North Miami Beach and enjoys fishing and boating with fellow alumnus Ken Taylor '88 Douglas Fuchs writes, "On

July 1, 2002, I transferred from the Ridgefield, CT, Police Department where I was a lieutenant, to the Redding, CT, Police Department where I accepted the position of chief of police. I completed my master's degree at the Western Connecticut State University in justice and law administration."

Glenn Grey is a board certified anesthesiologist and partner with the New Jersey Anesthesia Group. He works at several hospitals and surgical centers in northern New Jersey. Glenn is also the director of ambulatory surgery and preoperative testing at St. Joseph's Hospital and the co-director of anesthesia at Surgicare Surgical Center in Englewood Cliffs. He resides in West Orange and has a three-year-old son and a one-year-old daughter.

## '90

Judith Libhaber Weber, Class Correspondent, 4 Augusta Court, New City, NY 10956 1990notes@alumni.brandeis.edu

Hello Class of 1990! Looking for a reason to get back to Brandeis? Fall Fest 2003 is scheduled for October 24-26 and is a great time to go back and visit campus. I hope you are all well. Aaron (Weber) and I were blessed with the birth of our second daughter in February. Life is more hectic these days, but wonderful! What is new with you? Please take a minute to let your fellow classmates know about your personal and/or professional news. Hope to hear from you soon! Best wishes-Judy. Congratulations! The following Class of 1990 alumni announce the births of their children: Benedicte M.B. Berg and Jeremy E. Deutsch, Charlee Leimberg Sterling, Jill Taylor Riedman, Lisa Karshen Solomon and Mark Solomon '80, and Aaron Weber and Judy Libhaber Weber. Look for their baby news in the "Births and Adoptions" section of this Review. Hayley Cagan Kamis is an instructor





Wedding of Debra Radlauer '85 and Larry Pollack



Wedding of Kathryn A. Messenger '99 and David J. Cyr



Wedding of Alec Decherney '94 and Sharon Chang

for Princeton University's English Language Program, providing speech and language training to international teaching assistants and graduate students. She lives in New Jersey with her husband, **Alan Kamis '89**, and their son, Matthew. **Renee Edelman** was named associate rabbi of Community Synagogue in Port Washington, NY. She is very excited about the move from New Jersey and the commute to New York City will be much easier for husband, Shane. **Scott Gladstone** is married with three children: Benjamin (6), Sarah (4), and Joshua (2). Scott is a lawyer who recently opened up his own business litigation law office in Newton Corner, MA. **Lisa Karshen Solomon** lives in Ardsley, NY, with her husband, **Mark Solomon '80**, and their children, Zoe and Max. Lisa's law practice, which focuses on legal research and writing, was featured in the *National Law*

*Journal* and the *American Bar Association Journal*. Lisa has also taught continuing legal education seminars on legal writing. **Jonathan Kroll** and his wife, Ilana, live in Manhattan with their son, Daniel. Jonathan is a partner in a law firm in Garden City, NY. He writes that he still gets together with his Brandeis friends on a monthly basis for dinner. Jonathan says he is enjoying being a father and being with his family. **Barak Kushner** writes, "After years abroad in Japan and China I returned to the United States and finished a Ph.D. in Asian history at Princeton University. I am now a visiting professor of East Asian history at Davidson College in North Carolina. I teach a variety of courses on Asia and continue to at least try and publish on historical topics. Contrary to popular belief I did not venture west to take over Jay Leno's job. In addition, everyone whom I came in contact with over in Asia admitted that **Steven Levine** looked much more like the *Tonight Show* host than I do."

## '91

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I invite you to make plans to be in Boston this autumn to attend Fall Fest 2003, scheduled for October 24-26. It's a great opportunity to see firsthand the many changes to the Brandeis campus (including the new Shapiro Campus Center) and to look up favorite classmates, staff, and faculty. Until then, let's note the many changes our fellow '91 alums are experiencing. In 2001, **Matthew Breman** and then-fiancee **Rachel Blankstein '96** returned to the U.S. after living and working overseas on international relief and development projects; in his last post,

Matthew served as Country Representative for Catholic Relief Services (CRS) in Angola. Matthew then married Rachel in August of that year. Based at the Baltimore headquarters of CRS, Matthew continues to travel often as a technical advisor for its Emergency Response Team. **Serena Ehrlich Fischer** wrote to tell us the exciting news that she married Jeff Fischer on New Year's Eve 2002 in Dallas; classmates **Jim Polatsky Post** and **Laura Miller '93** were in attendance. Serena continues to work as regional manager of the Dallas office of Business Wire, a commercial newswire service. **Erika Golub Drezner** wrote to let us know that she was graduated from the University of Chicago in December 2002 with her master's in social work. She continues to live in Chicago with her husband, Dan, and their 2-year-old son, Sam, and is now working as a psychotherapist treating children and families in the child welfare system. After three wonderful years in Mexico City, **Jonathan Hamilton** and his family have relocated to the Washington, D.C. area where Jonathan continues his work with the international law firm of White & Case. Along with his wife, Andrea, son, Joaquin, and their two dogs, they are enjoying their new home in Alexandria, VA, and look forward to exploring the area again. **Susan Goren Levine** gave birth to second child Nate Alexander in February 2003; big brother Matthew is enjoying having a playmate. Susan works for the American Cancer Society's New England Division in Framingham, MA, in the learning and development section of human resources. **Paul B. Ranis** was honored in January 2003 to be named partner at the law firm of Ruden, McClosky, Smith, Schuster & Russell, P.A. He concentrates his practice in employment and commercial litigation and is resident in the firm's Fort Lauderdale office. In August 2002, he celebrated the birth of his daughter, Flora, with his wife, Jane, and his son, Max. **Rachel Remler** and her expanding family moved back east, to Woodstock, NY, in May 2003. She and her husband had their second son, Simon Ravett Rands, in January. They left Seattle (and almost 12 years of West Coast living) to be closer to their parents and extended family. Rachel plans to find work in the field of cancer research, her specialty of the last five years. **Dan Rosen** currently serves as the chair

of the English department at Kushner Yeshiva High School in Livingston, NJ. He lives in New Jersey with his wife, **Julie Cardonick '92** and their girls, Maddie and Talia. Dan is also Webmaster, drinkmaster, and CD coproducer for his brother's BiteTheWaxTadpole concert series (for more info on shows, CDs, etc., see [www.mydiningroom.com](http://www.mydiningroom.com)). **Ariel Kahn Wallen** gave birth to son, Jared Dylan, in June 2002 and finds he is growing like a weed and giving both parents a run for their money! Ariel also works part-time as a social worker for the South Buffalo Charter School. She loves Buffalo, except for the harsh, drawn out winters. And last but not least, my husband, **Kenneth Wong**, completed his Ph.D. in bioengineering in June 2002 from a joint University of California, San Francisco and University of California, Berkeley program. With degree in hand, he was able to join me in Washington, D.C. where I had already moved to begin a master of divinity degree at Washington Theological Union. Kenneth is currently working as a post-doctoral research fellow at the Imaging Science and Information Systems Research Center, a computerized medical diagnostics, ultrasound imaging, and robotics laboratory affiliated with Georgetown University Hospital's radiology department.

## '92

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**Jessica Cecchine Tinnery** is sorry she missed her 10th Reunion, but wants to catch up with classmates! She is a Pennsylvania State certified reading specialist and completed her M.Ed. in reading and language arts from Millersville University. She is also a Pennsylvania State master gardener and has conducted horticultural workshops at Springton Manor Estates and at many other clubs. She and her husband, James, have been married for nine years. Jessica would love to hear from Brandeis friends, especially the WBRS crew, and can be reached at [mrstusa@hotmail.com](mailto:mrstusa@hotmail.com). **Andrew Ceisler** is a director and portfolio manager at Citigroup Asset Management in New York City, where he

manages portfolios for high net worth individuals. He married Lauren Schwartz in October 2001 at the New York Botanical Gardens in the Bronx. **Lorraine Jablowsky Feldman** is an attorney for Marsh & McLennan in New York City. She and her husband, **Joseph I. Feldman '93**, are the parents of twins, Emma Bess and Samuel Jacobs. **Rachel Stern Davis** lives in New York City with her husband, Derek, and twin daughters, Abigail Rose and Grace Isabel. Rachel works as a stage manager for New York City Opera at Lincoln Center. **Rebecca Tuchinsky Morris** was unable to attend Reunion 2002 as she and her husband welcomed the birth of their first child, Arielle Hope, in May 2002. Rebecca is a stay-at-home mom and lives in Dallas.

## '93

**Joshua Blumenthal**, Class Correspondent, 11 Leonard Road, Sharon, MA 02067 1993notes@alumni.brandeis.edu

What a marvelous gathering of our Class of '93 we had this June at our 10th Reunion. It was an amazing time of catching up with old friends and swapping stories and photos. But don't wait until 2008; keep those updates coming through the *Review*! **Robert Angert** and **Shanna Schwartz '94** were married on July 4, 2002, in New York City. They reside in Boston and are moving to Manhattan in September 2003. Robert will be working as an academic neonatal intensive care doctor on Long Island. **Beth Ann Collier** was married on March 29, 2003, to Curtis Lee Groves at the Seaview Marriott in Absecon, NJ. Among the Brandeisians at the wedding, **Elise Senter Ackerman**, **Jan Goldstein Birch**, **Ali Mindel Roza**, and **Sunshine Flint** were bridesmaids. **Armando Ackerman**, **Jennifer Alter**, **Abt. Joel Rubin**, and **Jamie Ravitz** were also at the wedding. All had a fabulous time. **Pearl Gluck's** feature documentary, *Divan*, had its world premiere at the Tribeca Film Festival in New York on May 7, 2003. The film was supported by a Fulbright to Hungary, by the Sundance Institute, the National Foundation for Jewish Culture, and the New York State Council on the Arts. Her art installation, *Trance*, was on view from April to August 2003 at the Eldridge Street Project on the Lower East Side of NYC. **Joseph I. Feldman** is an equity analyst at Bear, Stears



& Co., Inc. in New York City He and his wife, **Lorraine Jablowsky Feldman '92**, are the parents of twins, Emma Bess and Samuel Jacobs. **Robin Kessler** received an Ed.M. from the Harvard Graduate School of Education in May 2000. She was a founding teacher of Capital City Public Charter School in Washington, D.C., where she is in her third year teaching Pre-K/Kindergarten. She writes, "I love it! I play on a competitive ultimate Frisbee league and my most recent adventure was hiking through Alaska." **Janet Mazansky Lichtenstein** writes, "I am finishing my master's degree in history. My husband and I recently bought a three bedroom, beautiful apartment across from the Guggenheim Museum in New York City between Madison and Fifth Ave." **Sascha Daniel Mundstein** studied Sanskrit and Indian Studies at Harvard University, graduating in 1995, and attended the Diplomatic Academy in Vienna, Paris, Moscow, and Tunis, graduating in 1997. Until 2002, he managed a software firm in New York before pursuing an M.B.A. at INSEAD in Singapore, Fontainebleau, France, and Wharton, graduating in 2003. After four years as a deputy attorney general for the State of New Jersey, **Alex Stern** has become an associate at the firm of Pashman Stein in Hackensack, NJ. Alex and his wife, **Sandi Arnowitz Stern** became the parents of their second daughter in September 2002. **Miriam Weiner** writes, "I married Gregg Bellows in November 2002, and in December I directed my drama league fall fellowship production at the Jose Quintero Theater on 42nd Street."

## '94

**10th Reunion  
June 11-13, 2004**  
Sandy Kirschen Solof, Class Correspondent, 28 Francis Street, Avon, CT 06001 1994notes@alumni.brandeis.edu

Hi All: I hope that this Review finds you and your families well. There were not many submissions this time so I hope to find my email full of notes for my next write-up. I also wanted to let you know that our 10th Reunion is less than a year away (can you believe we are already closing in on 10 years). It is scheduled for June 11-13, 2004, so hopefully many of

you will keep that weekend open to return to your alma mater. **Alec DeCherney** married Sharon Chang on March 15, 2003 in San Francisco. Several Brandeis alumni were in attendance including **Robyn Wellfeld Hartman**, **Elyse Mittler**, **Lisa Goldstein**, **Michael Klein**, **Rich Davies**, **Jon Malkin**, **Sally Fassler '95**, **Karen Deicas '95**, **Elizabeth Flisser '95**, **Larry Hilzenrath '93**, and **Nathan Frankel '95**. **Greg Isaacs** lives in San Francisco with his wife, Leah, who he married in September 2002. He works for eBay and highly encourages all Brandeis alumni to buy and sell on the Website. He recently saw many of his friends and classmates as they visited the Bay area for the DeCherney wedding. After a several-year hiatus, **Ken Benet** moved back to Boston and started his own company: KB Personal Chef Services, Inc., cooking for families on Boston's North Shore. **Joshua Flax** is a federal mediator, recently posted in Boston from Washington, D.C. **Michael Kalish** writes, "My wife, Helene, and I got married on November 11, 2001 (we actually got engaged on the Brandeis campus in June 2001 at the pond in front of the Chapels). Our daughter, Lindsey, was born in February 2003. I recently joined the law firm of Morrison Cohen Singer & Weinstein, LLP, as a corporate associate with a focus on securities work." Michael copresented the Securities/Corporate Ethics Component of the continuing legal education course sponsored by the Young Lawyers Network at Brandeis House in April 2003. **Shulamit Lewin** is the program manager for the International Center to Heal Our Children at Children's National Medical Center. Her program focuses on helping children cope after traumatic events such as violence, disasters, and terrorism. She is coauthor of *The Handbook of Frequently Asked Questions Following Traumatic Events: Violence, Disasters, and Terrorism*. **Brian Sletzer** is deployed with the Army reserve to Eagle Base in Tuzla, Bosnia as part of Operation Joint Forge. He is the communications chief and operations sergeant for Task Force Med Eagle. **Lauren Kim Tran** married Dr. Anil Bahadursingh in June 2002. Fellow Brandeis alums in attendance were **Julie Katzen**, **Kimberlee Tarr Shumacher**, and **Deborah Hugel**. **Shanna Schwartz** and **Robert Angert '93** were



married on July 4, 2002, in New York City. They reside in Boston and are moving to Manhattan in September 2003. **Shanna** works for Columbia University as an educational consultant.

## '95

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Hi Classmates! I was up on campus in March and in the midst of the comfortable familiarity found some new sights on campus! It was great to see **Wendy Morris Berliner**, **Brad Akers**, **Deb Dragon**, and **Heather Swidler Gelardi** representing different parts of the country and catch up. New Yorkers: I hope to personally see you at the NY alumni gatherings. Feel free to send me an email if you're not receiving NY alumni event postcards and would like to. Here's a snapshot of what our class has been up to... please take a minute and pass along your own updates! **Stephanie Amin-Giwner** is an attorney practicing plaintiff's class action securities law in New York at the law firm of Abbey Gardey, LLP. She was married to **Derick Giwner** on October 13, 2002. Fellow Brandeisians at the wedding included **Julie Blasbalg Manilow**, **Laura Pollack Green**, and **Elizabeth Wynn Smith**. **Michael H. Levison** is an associate in the financial services practice group of Pitney, Hardin, Kipp & Szuch LLP in New York City. After graduating from Columbia Law School and Columbia University School of Social Work, **Rachel Wilgoren** is working as an attorney at Proskauer Rose LLP in New York City. **Matt Cole** is finishing his residency at Dartmouth Medical Center. He will be pursuing a fellowship in gastroenterology. **Nelson Figueroa** took a moment for a picture with **Seth Borden** and **Seth Mayeri '93** at a Philadelphia Phillies/Pittsburgh Pirates spring training game on March 14, 2003 in Clearwater, FL.

**Yaffa Landis** has immigrated to Israel and is the chief weather reporter for a local television station. She is currently rooming with **Keren Rosenbaum '02** and **Ariella Ozik '02**. **Eric Kasper** married Jennifer Kyvig at The Water Club in New York City on September 22, 2002. Brandeis alumni in attendance were **Josh Felsher**, **Mark Weiss**, **Hilary Sherman Weiss '96** and **Alexis Skigen '96**

## '96

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**Jennifer Adler** writes, "In October 2002, I was hired as communications specialist in the marketing department of United Way of Rhode Island in Providence. I'm thrilled to have switched into the world of nonprofit! I can also be seen swing dancing around Rhode Island as part of various exhibitions and demonstrations." **Rachel Blankstein Breman** is a registered nurse working on the labor and delivery unit at Mercy Hospital in Baltimore. She also received the Jack Kent Cooke Scholarship, which she is applying towards the completion of her MPH and MSN graduate degrees at the Johns Hopkins University. **Gillian Brooks** was named vice president of publicity and promotions at New Line Cinema in Los Angeles, working on such campaigns as *The Lord of the Rings*, *Austin Powers in Goldmember*, *John Q.* and *Rush Hour 2*.

## '97

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**Marty Bennett** lives in New York City and works for Accenture. He is also busy

**Seth Borden '95**, **Seth Mayeri '93**, and **Nelson Figueroa '95**

planning his December 2003 wedding to fiancée **Lindsey Saltz**. **Avi Ionnascu** and **Jami Bleichman** were married in June 2001. **Avi** and **Jami** changed their name to **Josefson** (Avi's family's original name). They live in New York City where **Jami** is a pediatric resident physician at Mt. Sinai Hospital and **Avi** works in securities litigation at the law firm of Bernstein Litowitz Berger Grossmann. **Randi Alissa Fishkin** is working on a dual residency in internal medicine and emergency medicine and critical care at the Animal Medical Center in New York City. **Jeff Fishman** accepted a position with the CMJ Network, a music industry media and events group based in New York City, working alongside **CFD Victor Ney '81** and CEO **Robert Haber '78**. Since graduation, his adventures "in the trenches" of the media/entertainment industries have led him through Atlanta and Los Angeles, working at CNN, Miramax, and Universal Music Group. **Romina Tenenbaum** married **Lance Alstodt** in December 2002 at the Plaza Hotel in New York City. Brandeis alumni in attendance included **Jill Van Denburg**, **Adam Gerson**, **Brett Ward**, **Nick Rosenberg**, and **Hilary Causanschi '00**

## '98

**Alexis Hirst**, Class Correspondent, 502 East 79th Street, #50, New York, NY 10021 1998notes@brandeis.edu

**Sharon Abramowitz** is an M.A./Ph.D. student studying sociology at Rutgers University. She completed her Peace Corps service in Cote d'Ivoire in June 2002. **Jill Farbman** married **Gunn Bronner** on August 25, 2002, in Florham Park, NJ. Brandeisians in attendance included **Elizabeth Ellenson '99**, **Shawn London**, and **Rebecca Monroe**. **Tanya S. Tamarin** was invested as cantor at the 2003 Investiture and Ordination Services of Hebrew Union College-Jewish Institute of Religion in New York, NY. While studying at HUC-JIR, she spent a year as *hazzan sheini* at Temple Sinai of Bergen County in Tenafly, NJ, worked as a cantorial intern at Transcontinental Music, and for the past three years has served as student cantor at Temple Shalom in Norwalk, CT. **Jeremy Aaron Gilbert** and **Cynthia Marie Montalvo '00** were married in Sharon, MA, in July 2002.

**Judy Kramer '00** was the maid of honor. The couple traveled to Hawaii for their honeymoon and now live in Waltham. **Jeremy** is president of a software consulting company based in Waltham. **Pamela Hellant Vichengrad** was married in May 2002 and works as a meeting and event planner for Honeywell, International in New Jersey. **Meredith Rettinger** is a second-year student at the University of Illinois College of Veterinary Medicine. She would like to open a small animal practice in California when she graduates. She is also busy planning her 2005 wedding to **Joshua Klein**.

## '99

**5th Reunion  
June 11-13, 2004**  
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Hi, everyone—not a lot of news to report for this round, which means I'm looking to y'all to send me double the usual number of notes for next issue. After finishing her first documentary film (on full service community schools), **Eve Shapiro** traveled to New Mexico where she spent the summer of 2002 organic farming on an eco-village outside of Santa Fe. **Eve** returned to Boston to pursue an Ed.M. at Harvard Graduate School of Education. She was graduated in June 2003 with a degree in human development and psychology with a focus in risk and prevention. She has also been working at Peace Games this year, engaging with students in peacemaking curriculum in a Boston public elementary school. **Eve** is excited to move back to the eco-village and pursue teaching in Santa Fe after graduation. **Daniel Garrie** (M.A. '00, computer science) writes, "I have finished working around Australia/Asia in the computer field and now am in Argentina helping people and still working with computers. More importantly, I am appreciating the culture and spending a great deal of time with my girlfriend." **Allyson Zykorie** was graduated in 2001 with a master's in human resources management from Texas A&M University and she currently works at Shell Oil Company in Houston. **Miriam Gerver** writes, "After nearly four years of never having submitted an alumni update, I figured it was about time. I will be pursuing a



master's degree in the fall of 2003 in survey methodology at a joint program between University of Maryland and University of Michigan. I work as a research associate at the American Institutes for Research in Washington, D.C., where I will continue to work while going to school." **Kathryn Messenger** married David J. Cyr on June 28, 2002, with many Brandeisians in attendance including **Jamie M. Pearlstein**, **Mike Goldfarb**, **Sara Kressner**, **Shelly Hatch Kastner**, **Matthew Forrest**, and **Ryan Howard**. **Samantha Inzelbuch** married Gabriel Migdal in Old Bridge, NJ, on August 10, 2002. Brandeis alumni in attendance included **Wendy Stein '98**, **Agi Kazal Pines**, **Josh Pines '96**, **Dana Lavi**, and **David Magid '98**. After teaching elementary school in the states for four years, **Emily Shaw** took a job teaching in an international school in Bangkok. She left in the summer of 2003 and plans to stay for two years. As for your class correspondent, I'm still teaching English, still writing, and still trying to get people talking and thinking about alternatives to war and conflict. Hopefully by the time you see this column, our country won't be embroiled in another one. Until then—once more unto the breach, David Nurenberg

## '00

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**Cynthia Marie Montalvo** and **Jeremy Aaron Gilbert '98** were married in Sharon, MA, in July 2002. **Judy Kramer** was the maid of honor. The couple went to Hawaii for their honeymoon and now live in Waltham. **Stephen Silver** lives in the New York area and is a market reporter with Argus Media, a news service covering the energy industry. **Michael Bavy** was graduated from Suffolk University Law School in Boston in June 2003. Together with **Forsan Hussein**, who works as a communication associate for the Abraham Fund Initiatives in New York City, they launched a Website and invite you all to visit. [www.shalam.org](http://www.shalam.org) **Joshua Sheddoff** and **Monica Goldberg** were married on

March 22, 2003, on Long Island. There were a lot of Brandeisians in attendance, including **Jodi Dienstag**, **Eric Bailey**, **Matthew Salloway**, **Rachel Wolkinson '02**, **Roneat Rish**, **Marc Sheddoff '96**, **Becky Mathew '99**, **Noah Kolodny**, **Michelle Rivlin-Kolodny**, **Barry Klein**, **Ariel Levine**, **Jaref Weber**, **Talia Grosser**, **Stacey Spechler**, **Jason Katz**, **Alex Mizan**, **Eyal Kedem**, **Ricci Wolman**, **Carolina Hoires**, and **Samara Enright**. **Sonia Salija** received her J.D. from Washington University School of Law in St. Louis, MD, in June 2003. During her time as a law student, she served as an associate editor of Washington University School of Law's Global Studies Law Review. She wrote an article on a new development in the area of immigration law that will be published in the Law Review's fall 2003 edition. **Emily Mara Kargauer** and **Adam Samansky** were married in August 2002. They live in Newton, MA. Emily was graduated from Boston College Law School in May 2003 and Adam is a student at Suffolk University Law School.

## '01

**WenLin Soh**, Class Correspondent, 5000 C Marine Parade Road, #12-11, Singapore 449286, or Class of 2001, Brandeis University, MS 124, P.O. Box 549110, Waltham, MA 02454-9110 2001notes@alumni.brandeis.edu

Greetings class of 2001! After being a business reporter at *The Straits Times* in Singapore for about two years, your class of 2001 correspondent is just starting out at covering local political news. I'll miss the business assignments I had in China and Korea, but here's hoping that I'll get to chase other interesting faces in different places at my new beat. This year I also got to travel to Eastern Europe and Hawaii, both of which were heartstopping. I'm dying to go back to Prague, just not in the dead of winter again! How about the rest of you? What have you been up to? New jobs? Fun trips? Budding businesses? Anyone had a honeymoon or a baby recently? We'd love to hear about it! **Sarah Chandler** writes, "I worked on the staff at the Teva Learning Center at Camp Isabella Freidman in Berkshire Mountains of Northwestern Connecticut, an exciting residential outdoor Jewish environmental Education

program, integrating outdoor environmental education with Jewish concepts and values through exciting hands-on activities in a cooperative, noncompetitive residential setting. Following an eight-month stint in the quality assurance department at a credit-counseling agency, **Shira Siegel** spent nine months as a legal secretary for the Boston Housing Authority. She spent three weeks in Australia in July 2002 and then moved to Philadelphia. She is now a paralegal in the social security department of a private law firm. **Laurel Johnson** writes, "I am in New York City paying my dues at various restaurants while I pursue my acting career. In the past year, I have starred in seven plays and one film. I know I am well on my way to a promising career. I haven't booked any major work, but I have been in lots of small productions, all of them fabulous." **Rachel H. Davis** is a third-year dental student at the University of Louisville and will graduate in 2005. She writes, "After I graduate I plan on going into practice with my father, or possibly pursue orthodontics."

## '02

**Hanna R. Johnson**, Class Correspondent, 68 California Street, Watertown, MA 02472 2002notes@alumni.brandeis.edu

Greetings to the Class of 2002! We have officially survived our first year beyond the Peripheral Road. In addition to sending in updates, I thought it would be fun if you shared your thoughts and opinions on your first year out of Brandeis. What did you miss, or not miss, about Brandeis? Walking up Rabb steps every morning at 9:00 am? What has the world been like now that we were forced to remove our "Brandeis goggles?" Please send in all thoughts, comments, and opinions! In other news, **Ariella Dzik** has immigrated to Israel and is heading a customer relations company in Jerusalem, Israel. She is currently rooming with **Keren Rosenbaum** and **Yaffa (Jessica) Landis '95**. **Keren Rosenbaum** is bringing peace to the Middle East through interpretational dancing and **Yaffa Landis** is chief weather reporter for a local television station. And ready or not, members of our class have begun tying

**Connie Spear Birnbaum '81** (M.J.C.S., Jewish communal service) of Newton Center, MA, passed away on January 28 of breast cancer. Connie worked with Northeastern University's Hillel program, Worcester's Jewish Federation, and the Jerusalem Dental Volunteers for Israel, for which she helped organize preventative dental care for children in Israel. She enjoyed summering in Cape Cod and traveling abroad. She made several trips to Israel and considered it her spiritual homeland. Connie is survived by her husband, **Herbert '76**, two daughters, **Ilana** and **Arielle**, a son, **Benjamin**, and a sister, **Bonnie Lazar**. **Paul De Koninck '77** passed away on December 29, 2002. He was an architect and designer at Thinc Design in New York City. He is survived by his wife, **Jessica**; and children, **Isabel** and **Henry**. **Alan Fraser '60** passed away on February 28, 2003. **Louis Naphthali Garber '75** (M.A., contemporary Jewish studies) died on October 29, 2002, in his home in Brookline, MA, from stomach cancer. Louis was president of Garber Travel Service, a worldwide travel

agency based out of Newton, MA. He is survived by his wife, **Roselyn Fedder Garber '74** (M.A., contemporary Jewish studies) and daughters, **Ilana**, **Shira**, and **Yaffa**. **Eric Pederson '87**, of Glen Rock, NJ, passed away on June 30, 2001. He was a broker for Mortgage Resource Inc. **Ira R. Levine '58** passed away on January 31, 2003. He was an attending psychiatrist on the Dual Diagnosis unit of Yale-New Haven Psychiatric Hospital and clinical professor of psychiatry at the Yale University School of Medicine. He leaves two sons, **David '84** and **Eli**; and five grandchildren. **Leslie Shansky Vagliano '75** passed away on October 3, 2002, at the age of 49. After graduating from Brandeis, Leslie went on to Rutgers Law School and then returned to the Boston area to live in Lincoln, where she dedicated herself to community affairs. She chaired the Lincoln School Committee from 1991 to 1994 and participated in numerous civic organizations. She is survived by her husband, **Andre**; sons, **Jason** and **Raphael**; her parents, **David** and **Nettie Shansky**; and

her brother, **Alan Shansky**. **William Uscher '81** died on April 27, 2003, after a battle with cancer. Beloved husband of **Christine**, he is also survived by his parents, **Arthur** and **Florence**, brothers **Mitchell** and **Jeff**, and many aunts, uncles, cousins, nephews and nieces. A prominent Bergen County attorney, **Willie** was a partner in the Hackensack law firm of **Uscher, Oulat, Uscher & Russo**. A long-time official of the New Jersey Special Olympics, he was also cochair of Outreach Angels. A lifelong resident of Bergen County, he was a graduate of Hackensack High School, Brandeis University, and New York Law School. He was a 2002 Recipient of the Bergen County Bar Foundation's prestigious Community Service Award. Beyond his many accomplishments and honors, Willie will be most remembered for his exuberant personality. It was his vibrant and life-loving outlook, his outrageous but endearing sense of humor, and his unyielding generosity and genuine compassion for others that touched and inspired so many people.

the knot! Congratulations to **Eitan Friedman** and **Nili Epstein** on their wedding, which took place June 21, 2003. Looking forward to hearing from everyone soon!

## '03

**Caroline Litwack**, Class Correspondent, 1575 Monument Street, Concord, MA 01742 2003notes@alumni.brandeis.edu

Congratulations on graduating—we made it! After four challenging and formative years at Brandeis, it is time to embark upon the next step of our lives as young professionals, grad students, and of course, Brandeis alumni. Although many of you know me from my involvement on the *Justice*, my endeavors in history and American studies classes, as well as my frequent attendance at social activities, I wanted to introduce myself in my new position as 2003 class correspondent. Throughout the next few years I will update you on the exciting opportunities that members of our class are experiencing. I am eager to hear your stories and make them known to the Brandeis community. Please feel free to contact me anytime with information about your activities and accomplishments. In September I will be moving to Italy for six months to develop English literacy programs for Italian children.

After that, I am hoping to apply to graduate school in the Northeast region, but like most of you, I am taking life one step at a time, and do not have specific plans for that yet. I look forward to keeping in touch with many of you and hearing about your lives. I hope you have a great summer.

## Grad

**Johnathan Brownlee's atHome**, a half-hour home renovation series, hosted by **Johnathan Brownlee '93** (M.F.A., theater arts), is currently in production in Vancouver, Canada. As of the summer of 2003, 26 episodes have aired. The show can be seen on Global television in Canada and will be available in the United States in 2003. Jonathan is also in negotiations for two other series, both of which he will host. **King E. Davis '72** (Ph.D., Heller) was named executive director of Hogg Foundation for Mental Health at The University of Texas at Austin. King is the Robert Lee Southerland Chair in Mental Health and Social Policy in the university's School of Social Work. His research and teaching at the university have focused on public mental health policy, the provision of culturally competent mental health services, health care for the

mentally ill, and disparities in rates of illness and services for consumers of color. **Bernadine Foster Nash '86** (Ph.D., Heller), president and CEO of Nash Communications and president and general manager of Radio One Boston, was a recipient of a 2003 Leading Women Award presented by the Girl Scouts of Great Boston, Patriots' Trail Council. **Daniel Garrie '99** (M.A. '00, computer science) writes, "I have finished working around Australia/Asia in the computer field and now am in Argentina helping people and still working with computers. More importantly, I am appreciating the culture and spending a great deal of time with my girlfriend." **M. La Verne Reid '99** (Ph.D., social policy) is chair of the Department of Health Education at North Carolina Central University in Durham. **Ronald R. Thomas '78** (M.A., English and American literature; Ph.D. '83, English and American literature) was elected president of the University of Puget Sound in Tacoma, WA. He was formerly college vice president at Trinity College in Hartford, CT. **Joan Wallace-Benjamin '80** (Ph.D., Heller) is president and CEO of The Home for Little Wanderers, a nationally renowned, private, nonprofit child and family service agency providing services to more than 10,000 children and families each year.

# Fall Fest 2003

Homecoming/Family Weekend

October 24-26, 2003

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